



Searching for Ultralight Axions with Black Holes and Gravitational Waves

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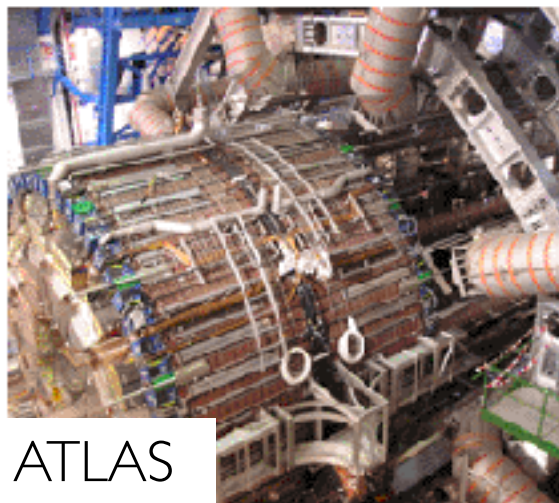
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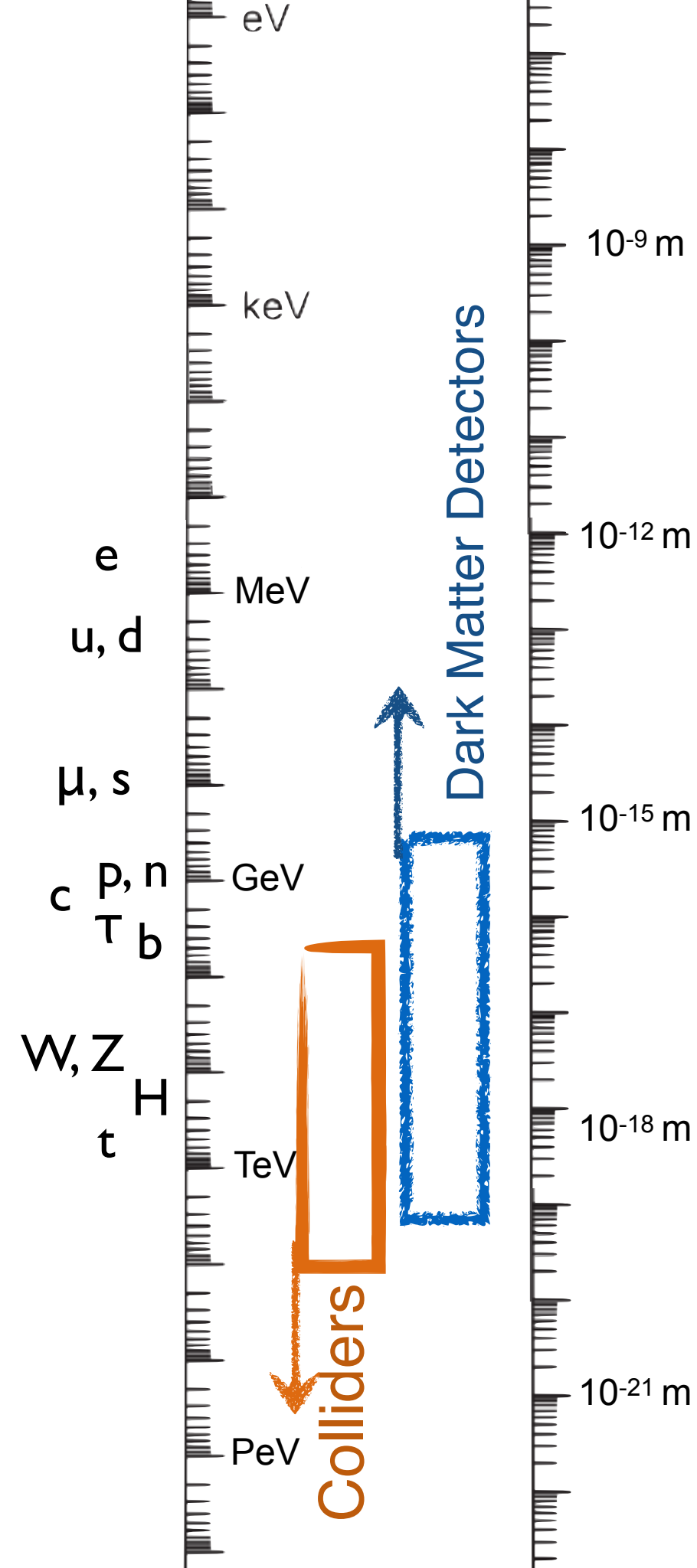
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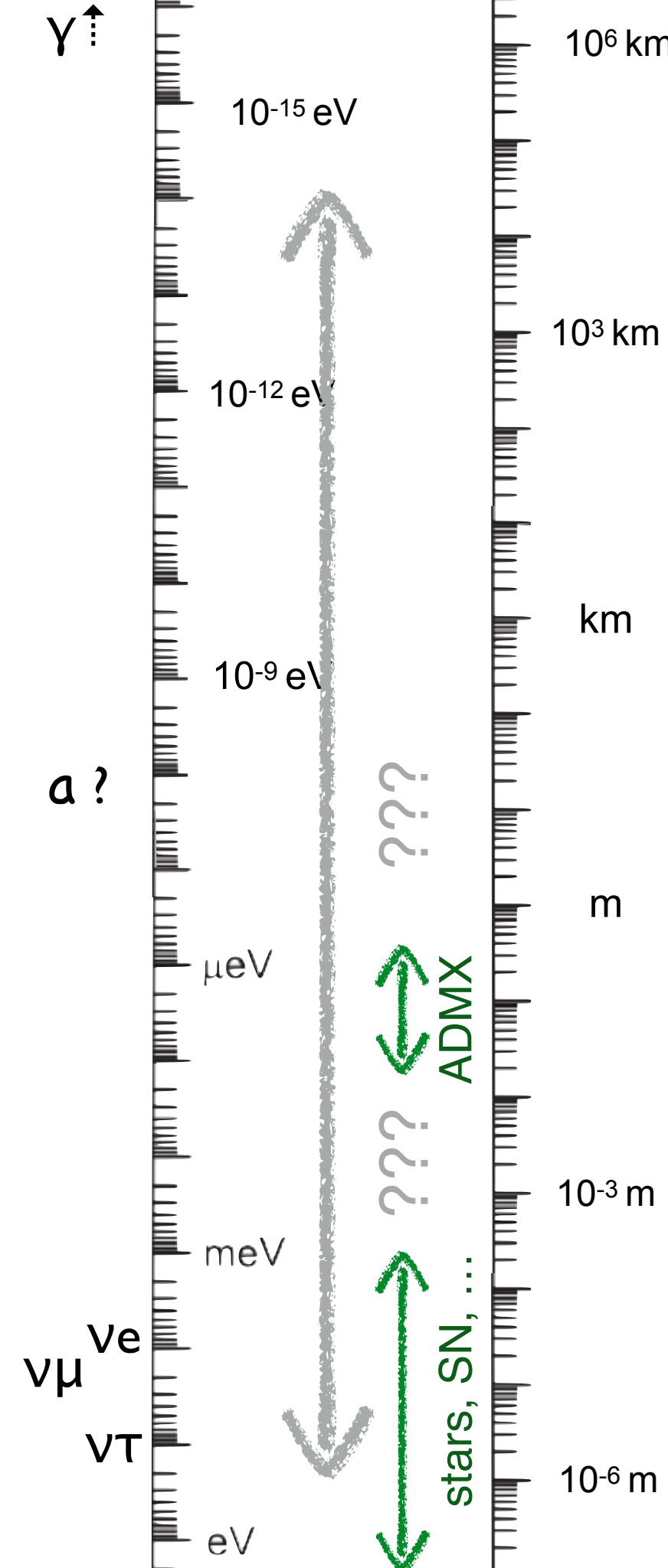


Dark Matter Detectors



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- Outstanding problems motivate searches at low energies
 - Dark matter, strong-CP problem, ...
 - QCD axion
 - Very weakly interacting
 - Long wavelength



The Strong-CP problem

- Theoretically expect significant CP violation in potential of strong interactions
- Upper bound from measurements of neutron electric dipole moment,

$$\theta_0 + \arg \det M_q + < 10^{-10}$$

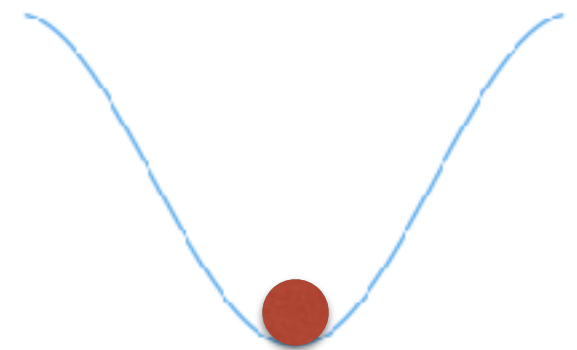
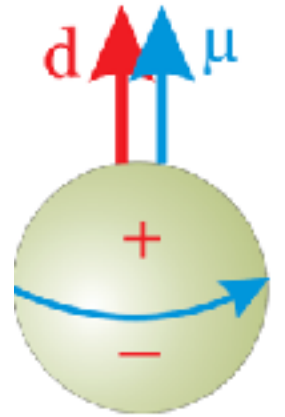
- Solve the problem by promoting θ to a dynamical field, the **axion**:

$$V \supset \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \theta G \tilde{G}$$

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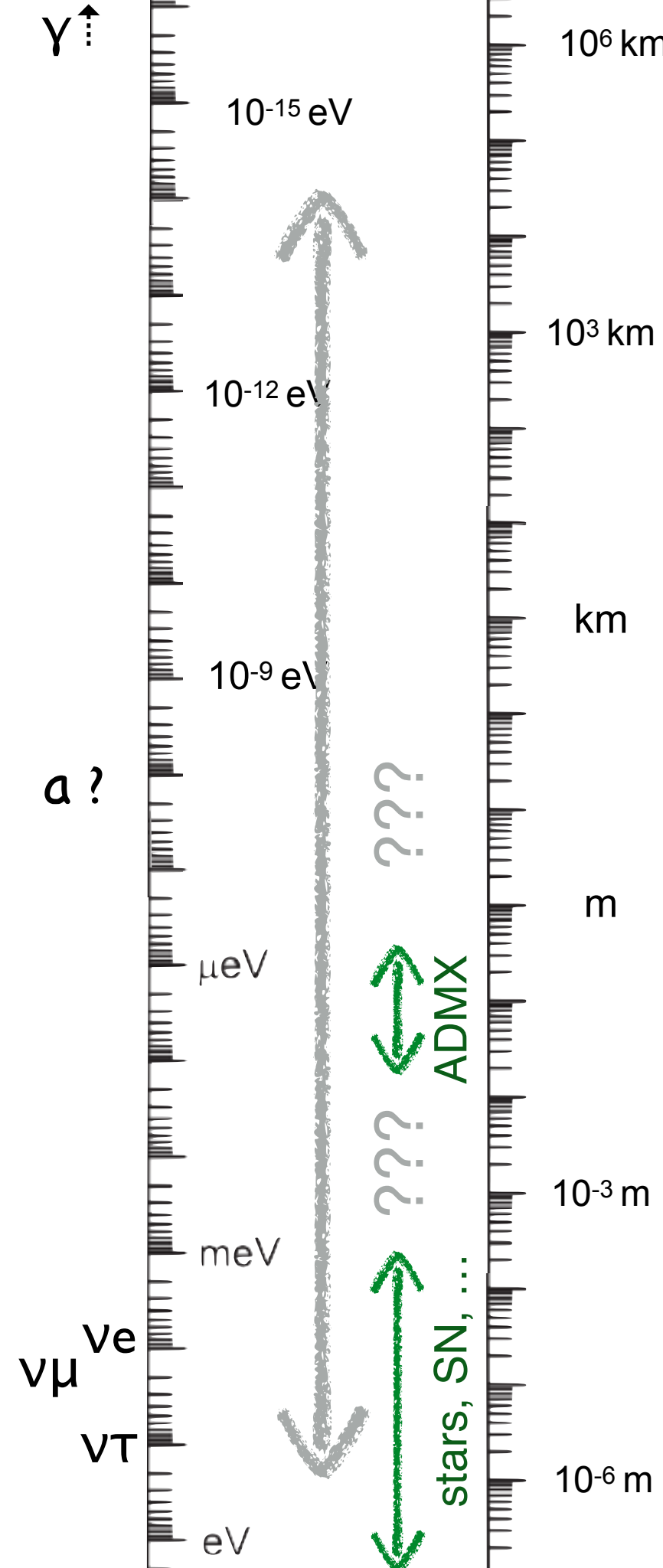
- Nonperturbative QCD effects create potential for the axion; at the minimum the strong-CP problem is solved



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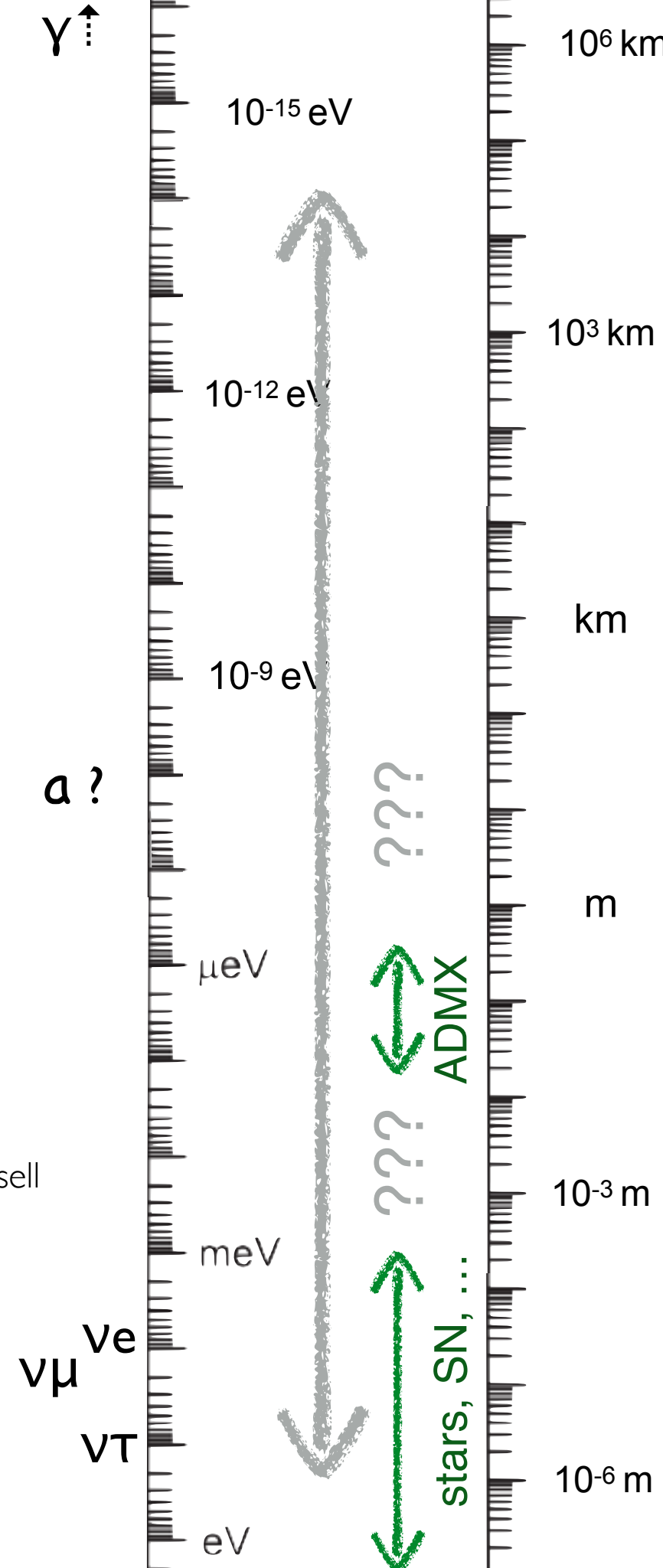


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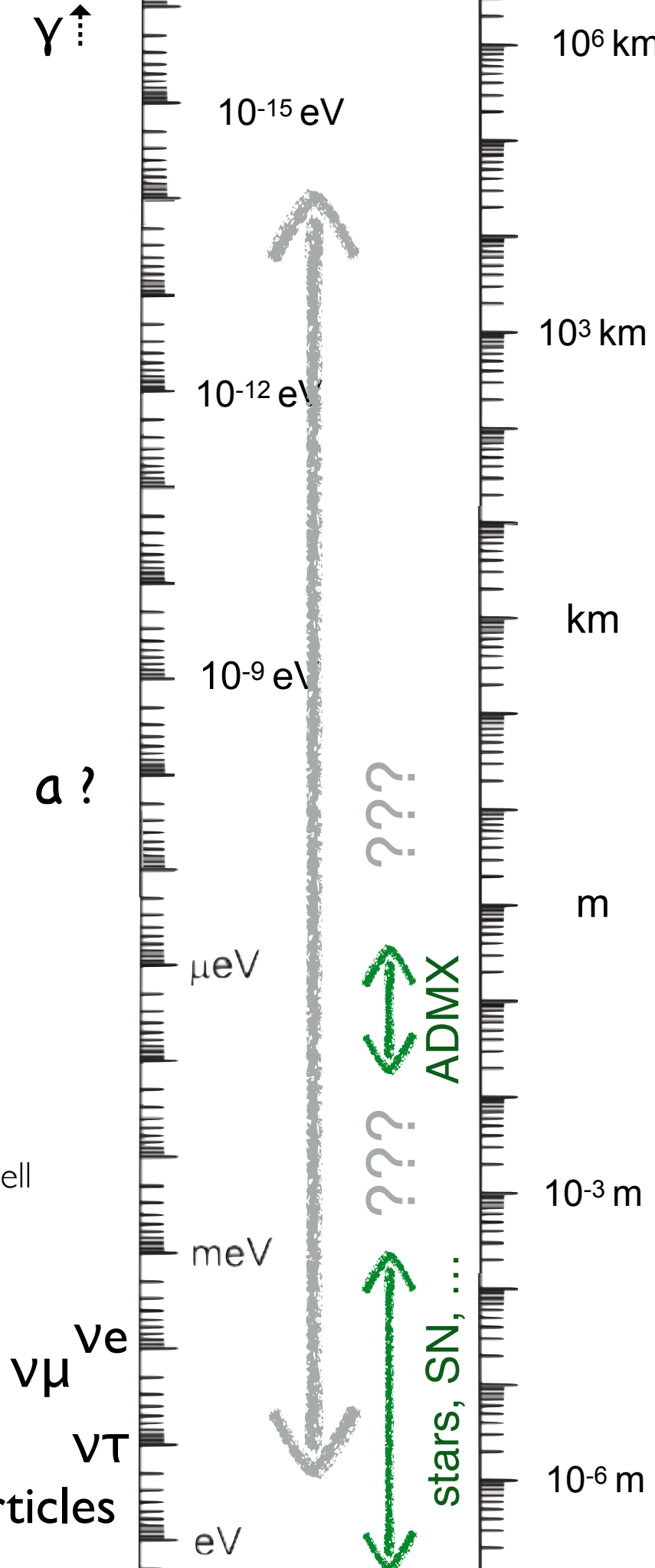
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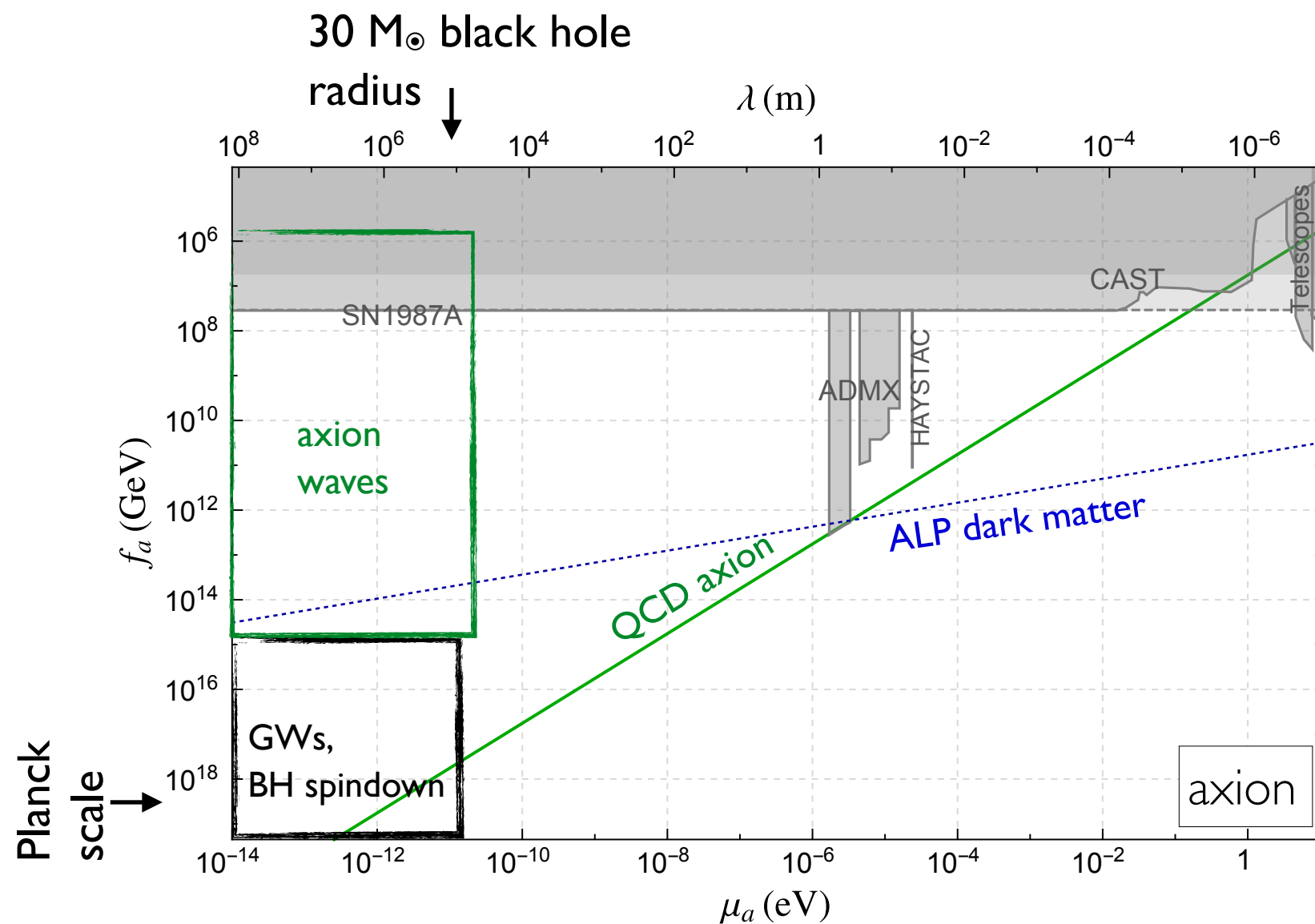
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Black holes can teach us about these light, weakly interacting particles

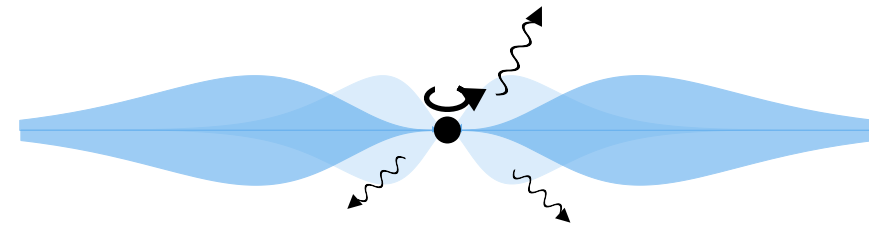
Ultralight Axions and Black Holes

- Rotating black holes can source `clouds' of weakly coupled bosons
- QCD axion which solves the `strong-CP' problem in particle physics and axion-like particles particularly well-motivated candidates for these searches
- Axion-like particles motivate a broader parameter space



Outline

- Black hole superradiance



- Gravitational searches for new particles

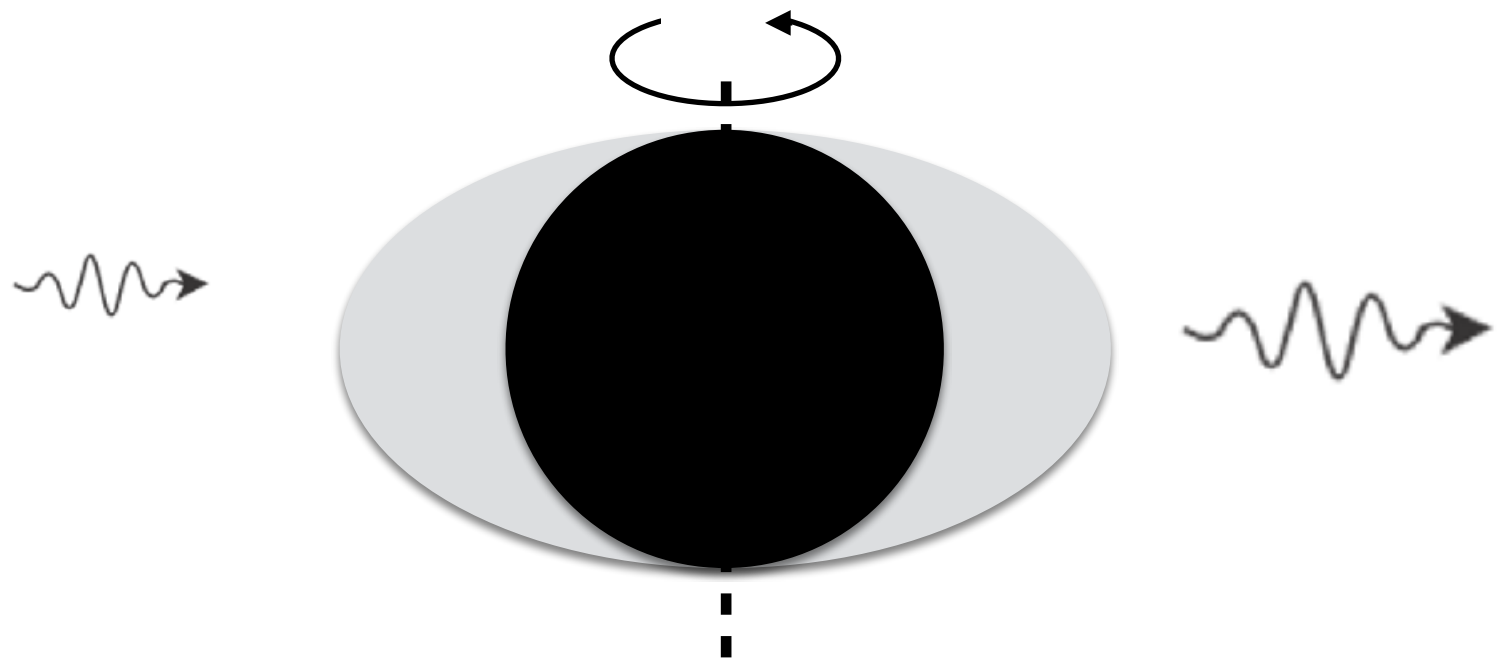


- Self interactions and axion waves



Superradiance

- A wave scattering off a rotating object can increase in amplitude by extracting angular momentum and energy.
- Growth proportional to probability of absorption when rotating object is at rest: **dissipation** necessary to increase wave amplitude



Superradiance condition:

Angular velocity of wave slower than angular velocity of BH horizon,

$$\Omega_a < \Omega_{BH}$$

Zel'dovich; Starobinskii; Misner

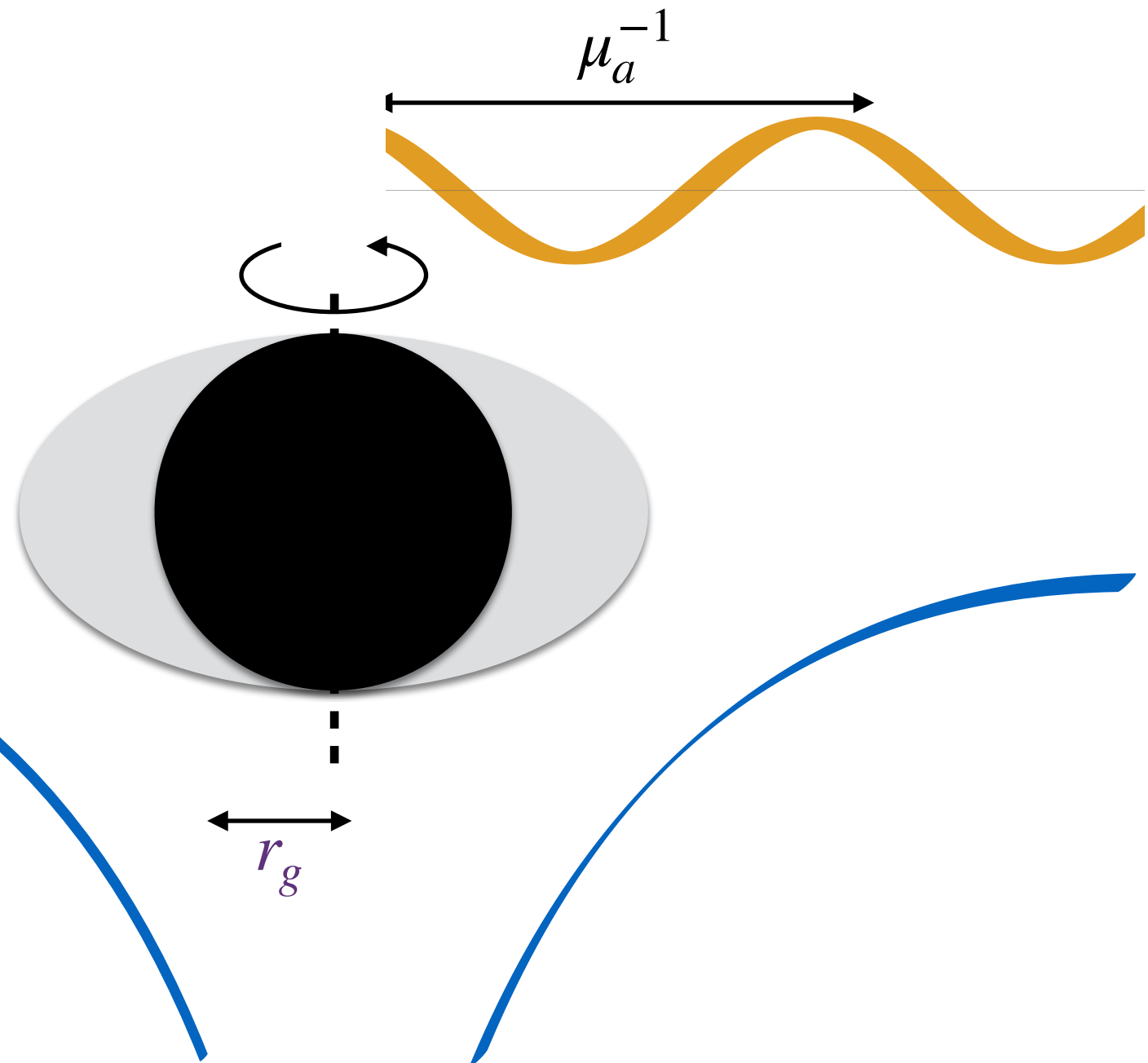
Superradiance

- Particles/waves trapped near the BH repeat this process continuously
- For a massive particle, e.g. axion, gravitational potential barrier provides trapping

$$V(r) = -\frac{G_{\text{N}}M_{\text{BH}}\mu_a}{r}$$

- For high superradiance rates, **compton wavelength** should be comparable to **black hole radius**:

$$r_g \lesssim \mu_a^{-1} \sim 3 \text{ km} \frac{6 \times 10^{-11} \text{ eV}}{\mu_a}$$



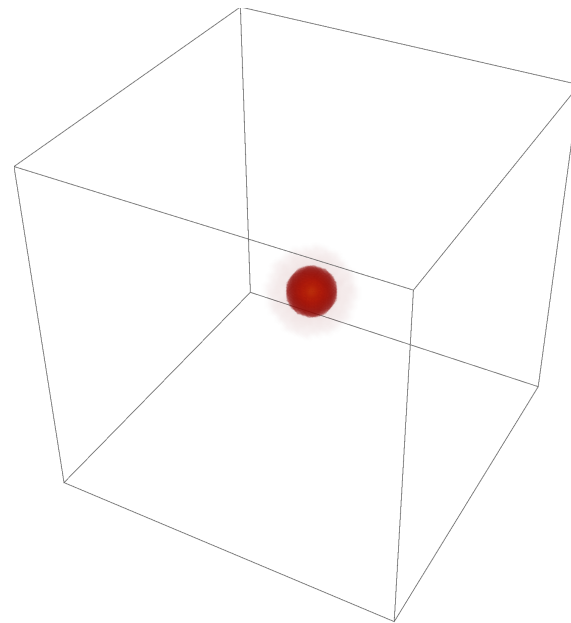
Zouros & Eardley '79; Damour et al '76; Detweiler '80; Gaina et al '78

Tool to search for axions: Arvanitaki, Dimopoulos, Dubovsky, Kaloper, March-Russell 2009; Arvanitaki, Dubovsky 2010

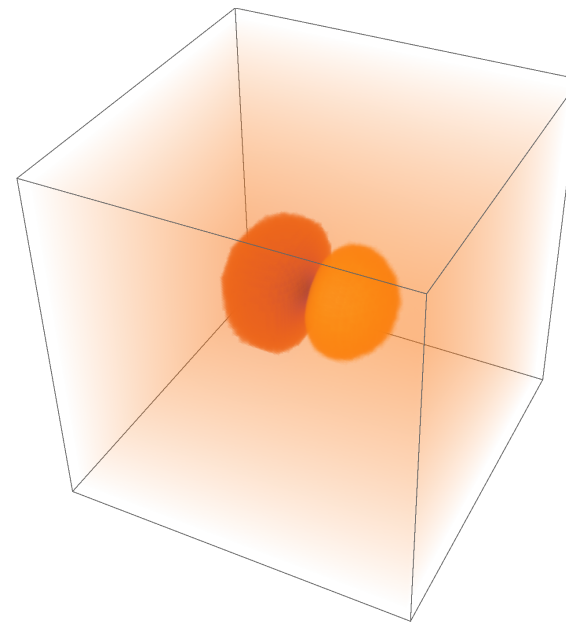
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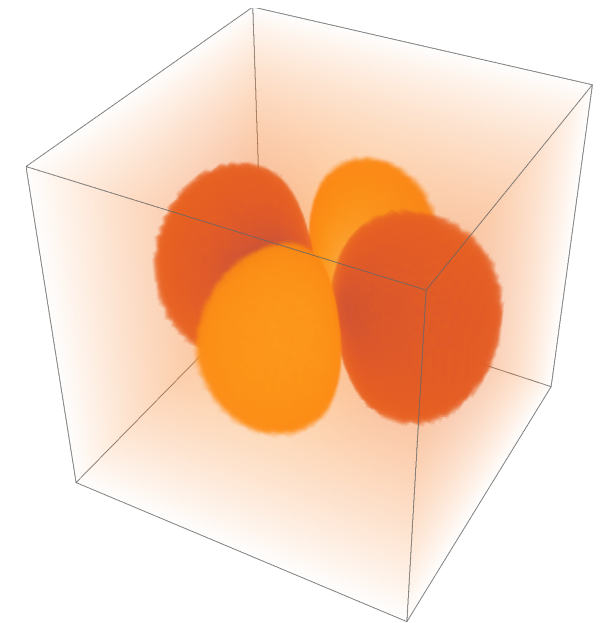
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Gravitational potential similar to hydrogen atom

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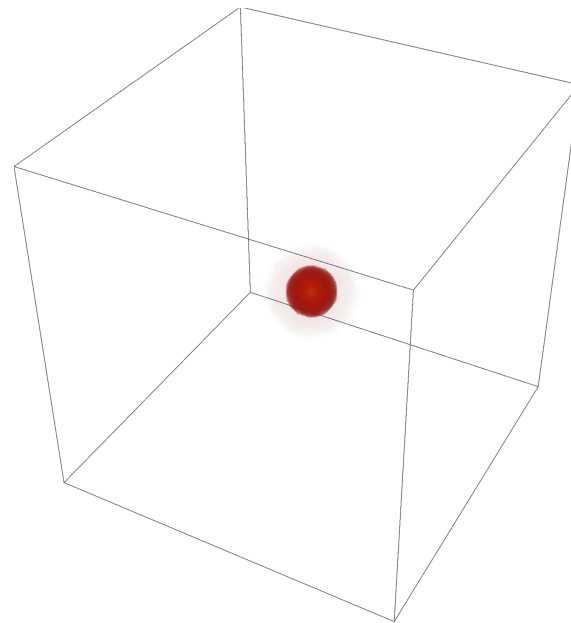
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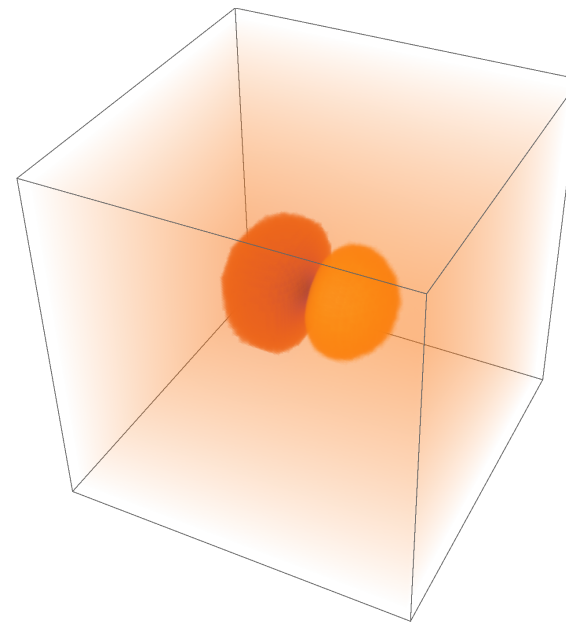
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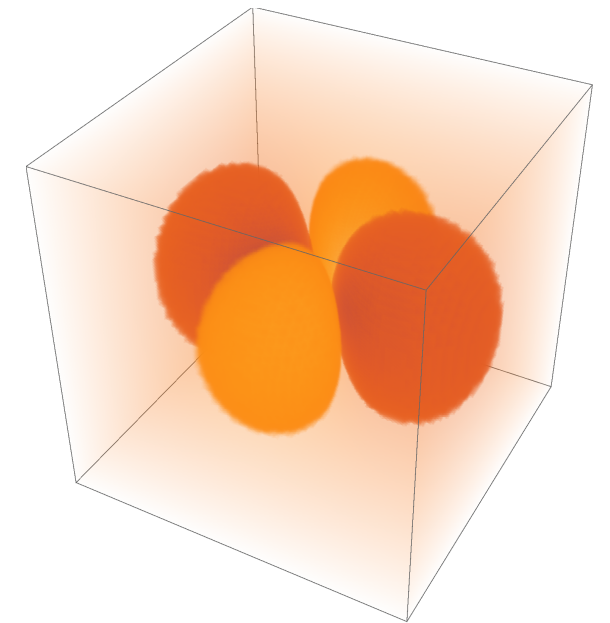
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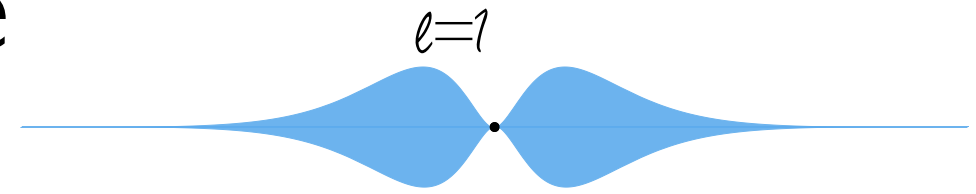
Boundary conditions at horizon give imaginary frequency:

$$E \simeq \mu \left(1 - \frac{\alpha^2}{2n^2} \right) + i\Gamma_{\text{sr}}$$

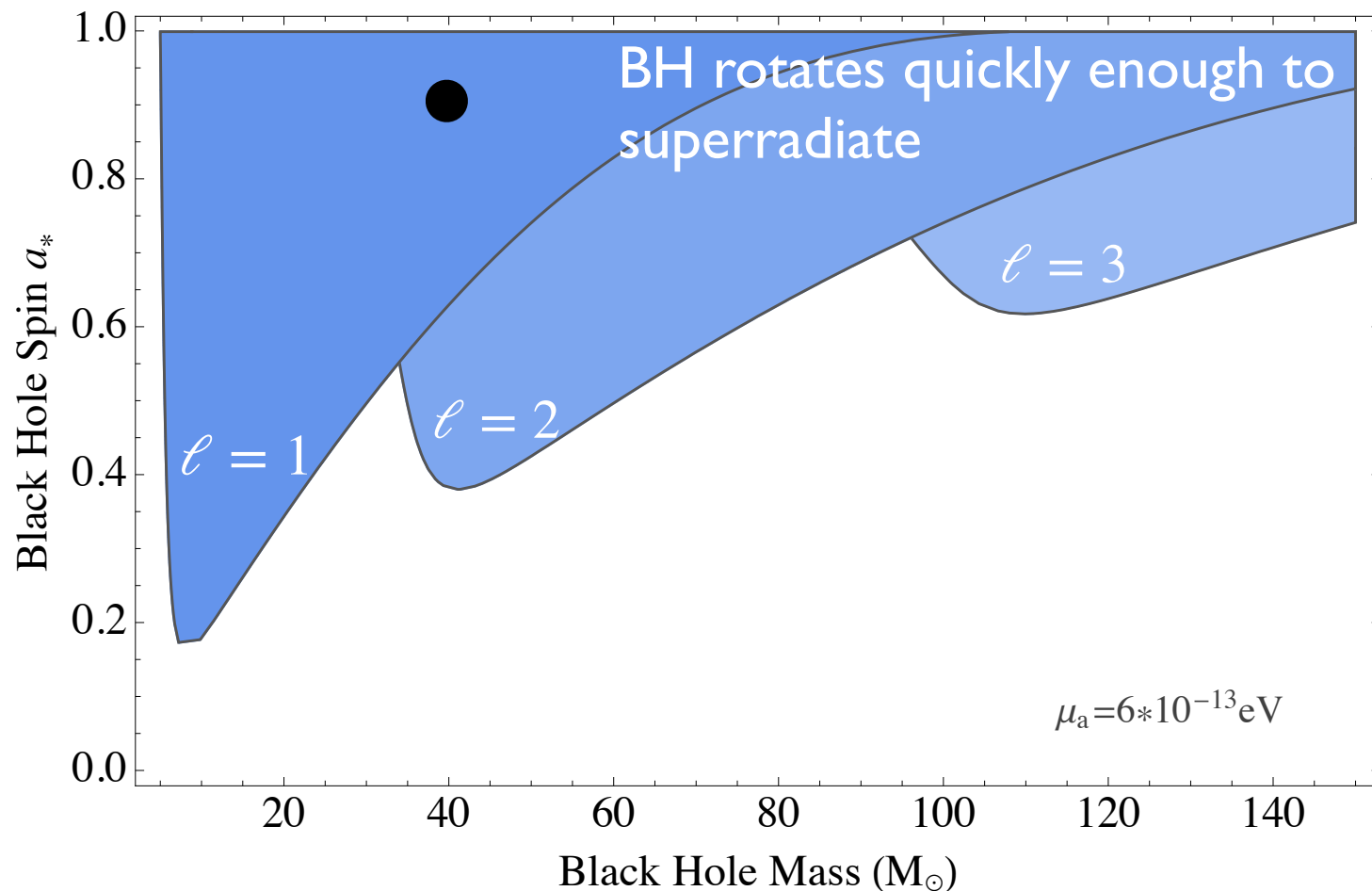
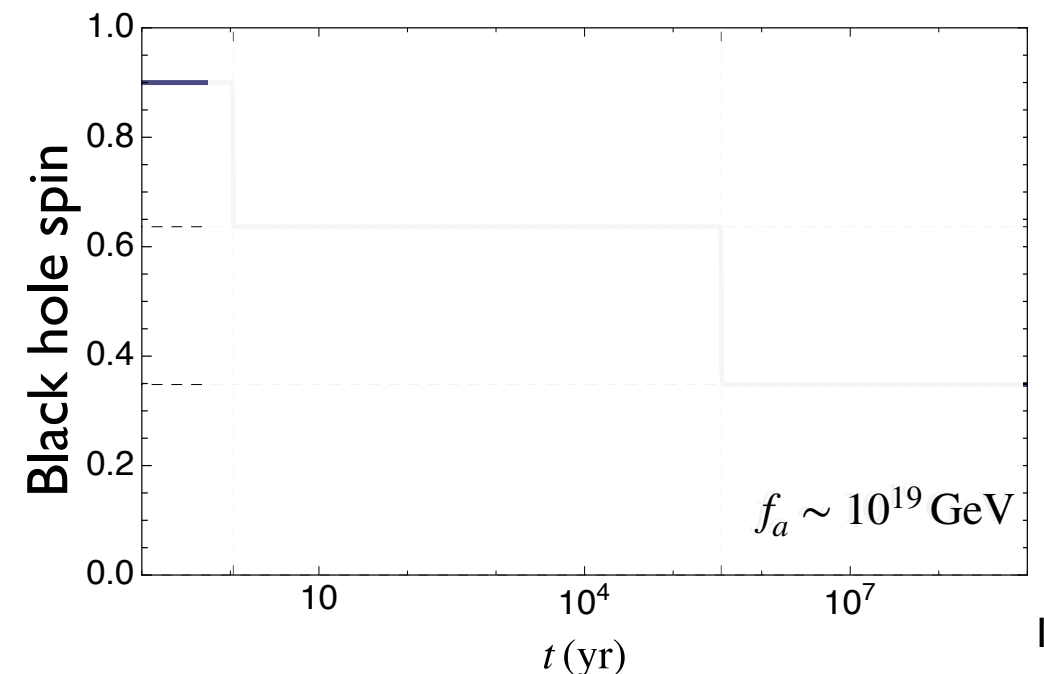
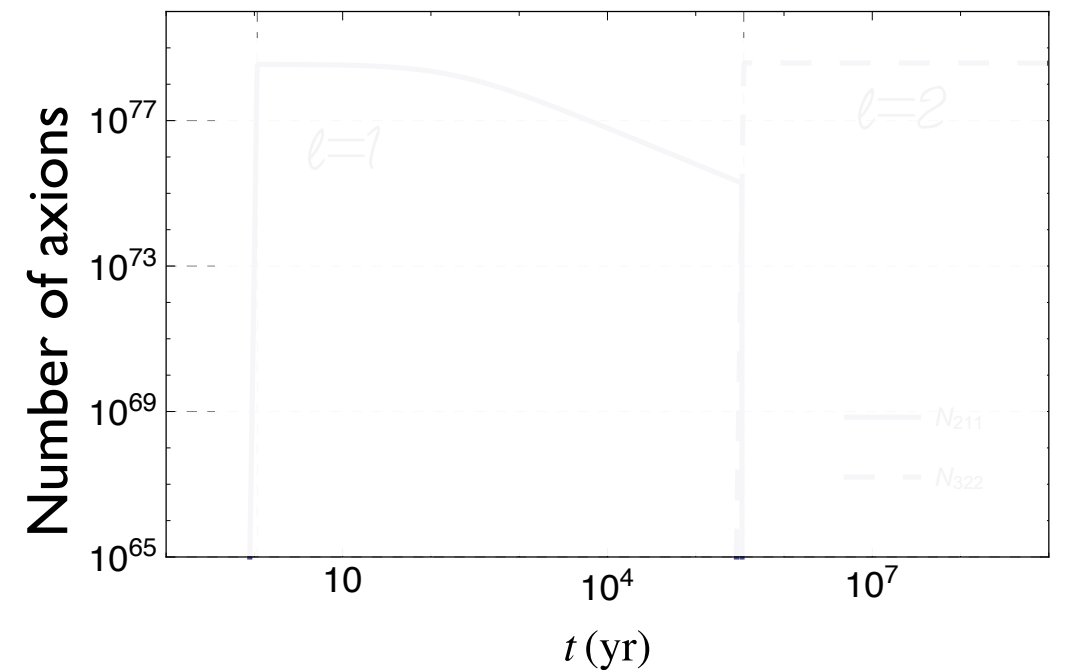
exponential growth of particle number in states satisfying superradiance condition

Superradiance

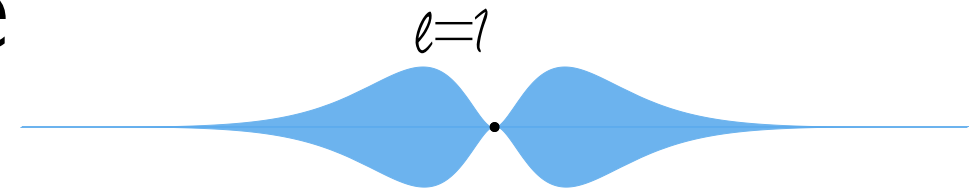
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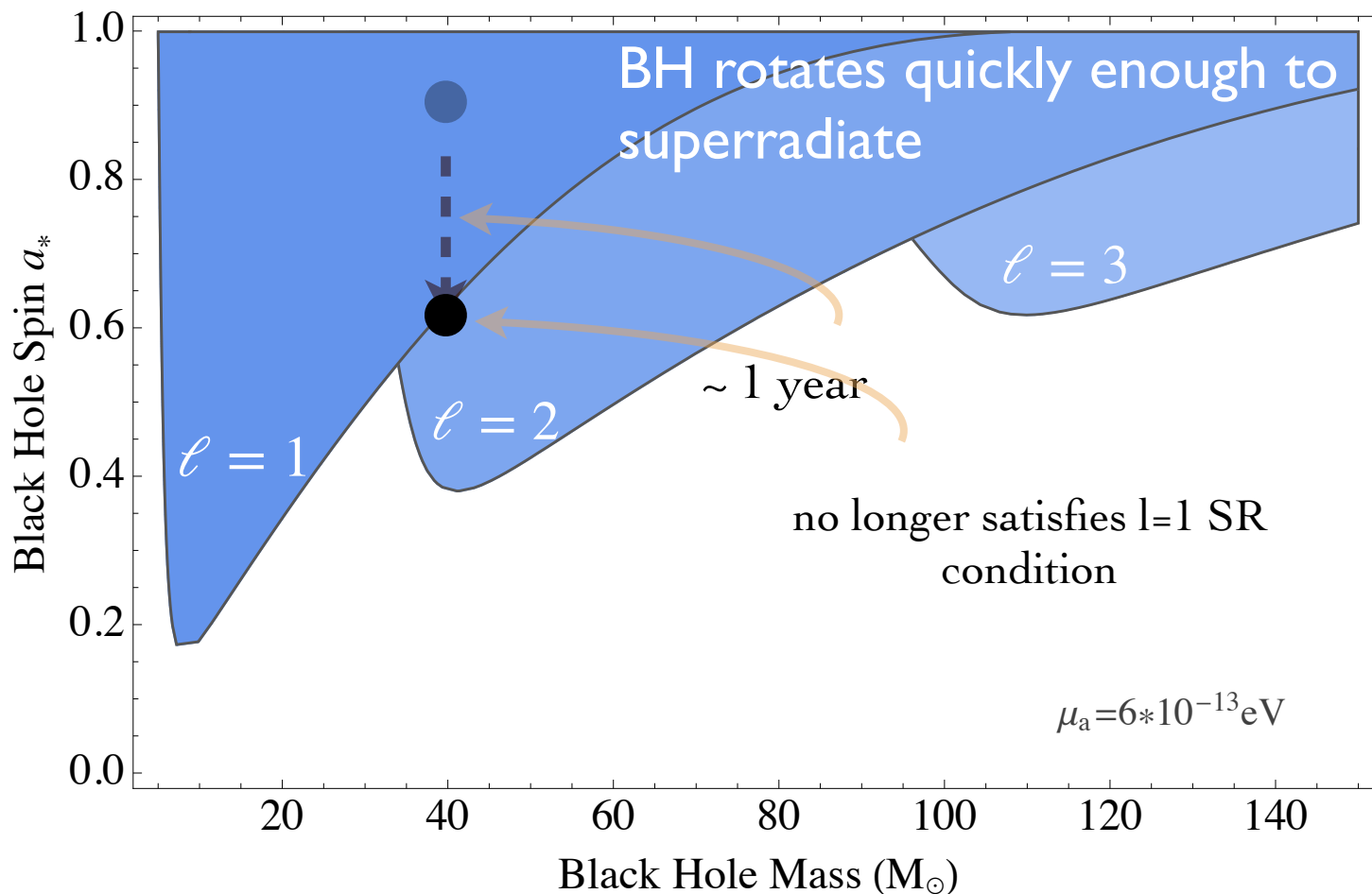
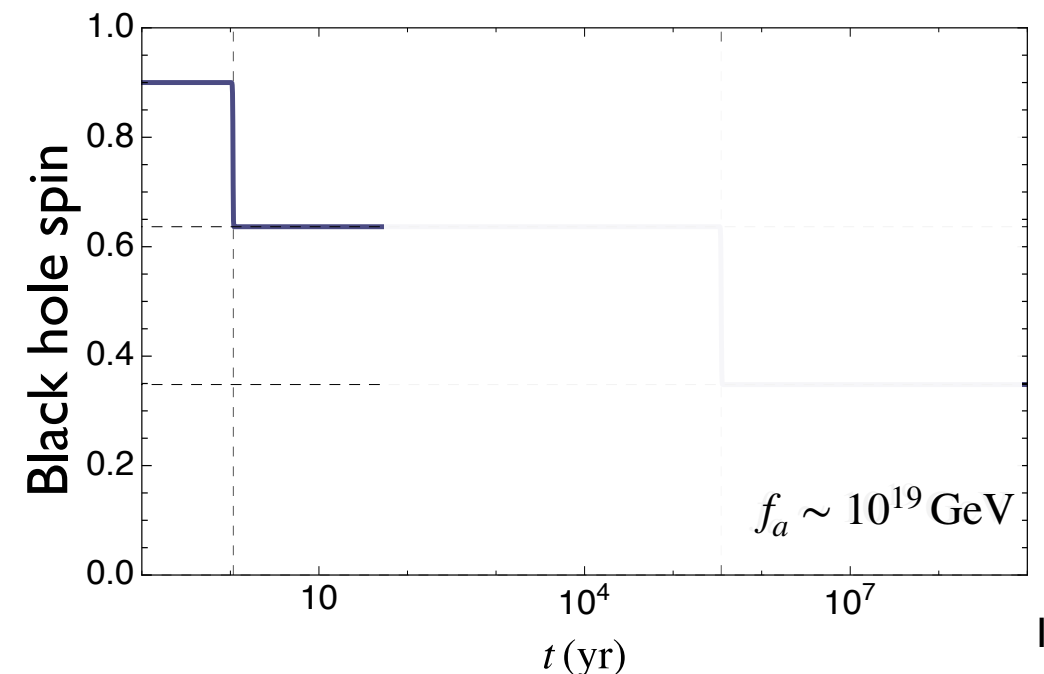
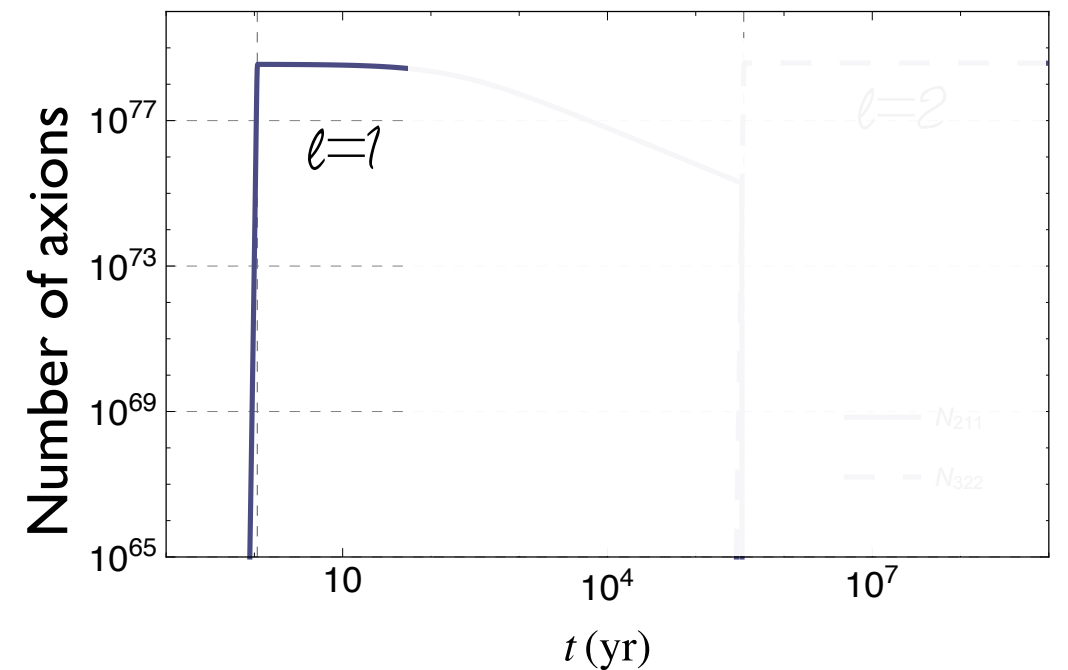


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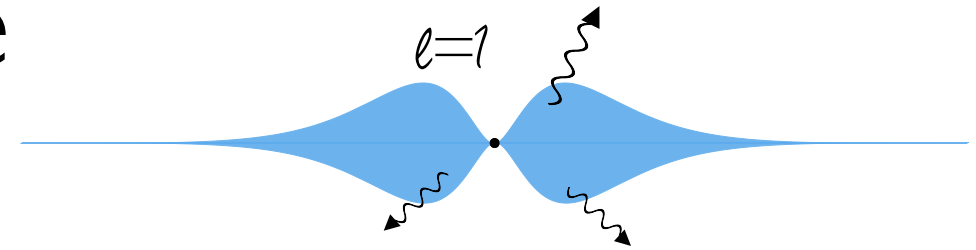
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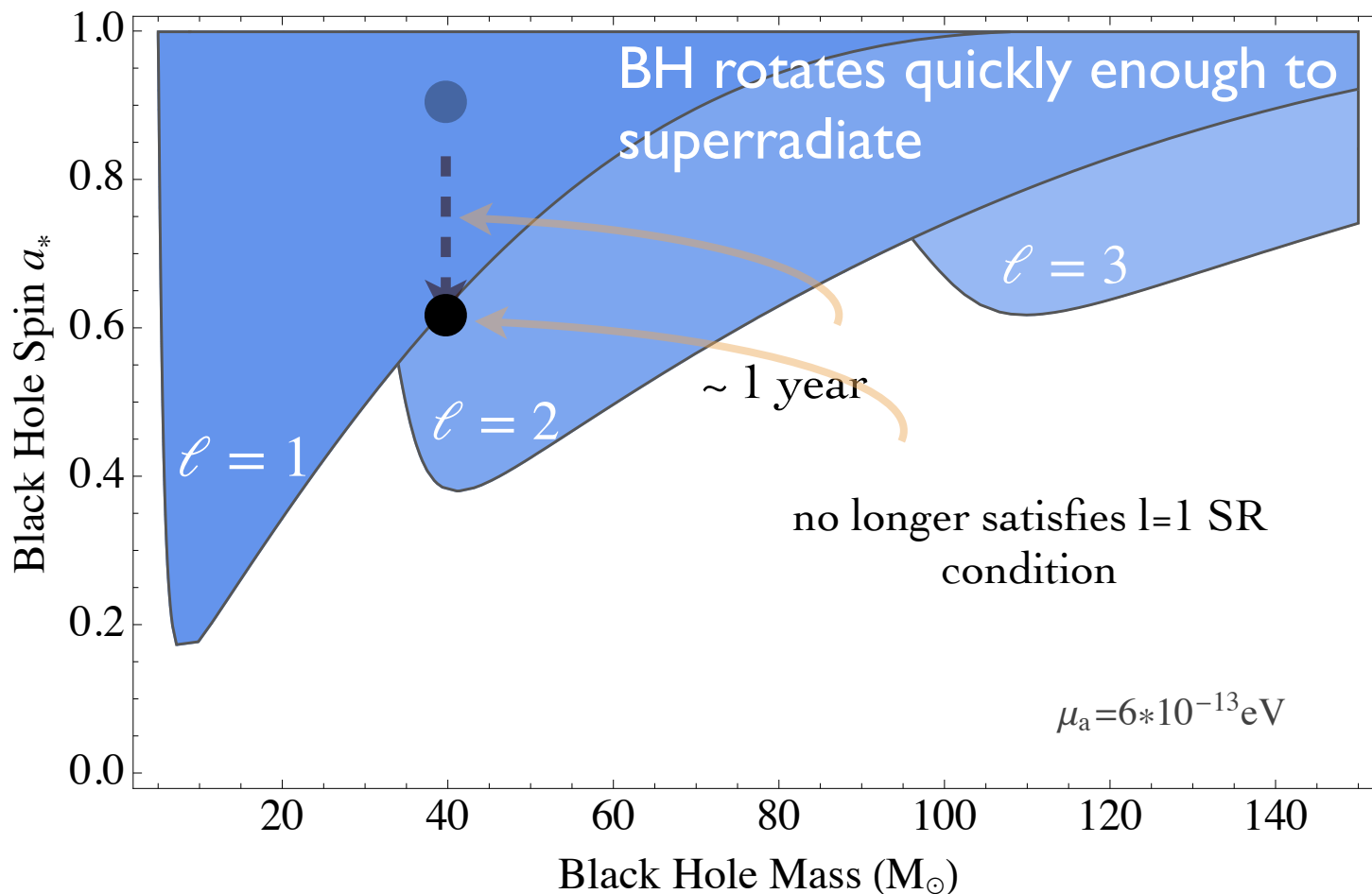
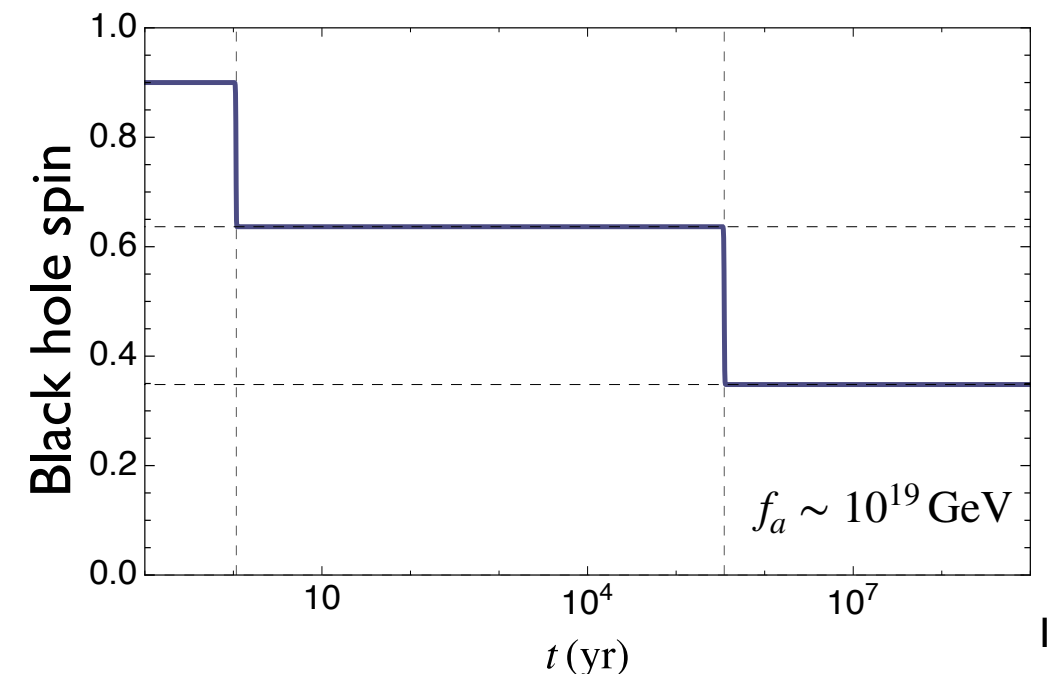
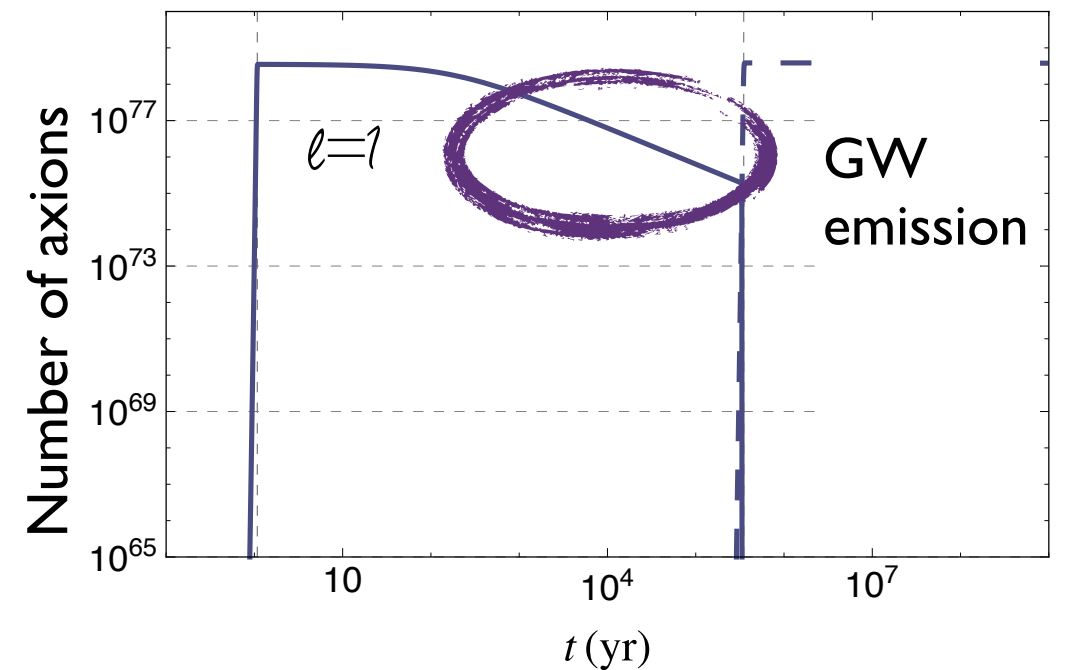


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- Large energy density in the cloud, with time dependence set by the axion mass
- Sources monochromatic gravitational wave radiation
- Axion cloud depletes on long timescales through GW emission

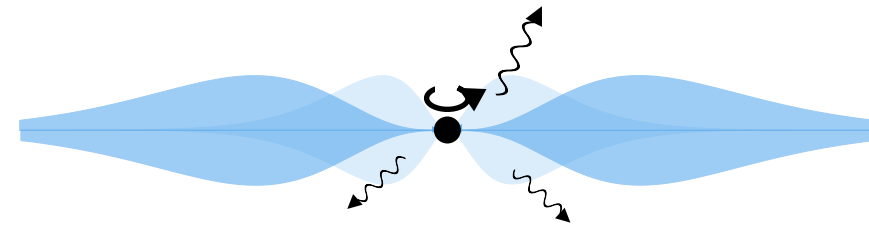


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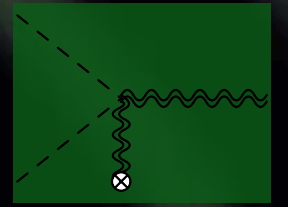
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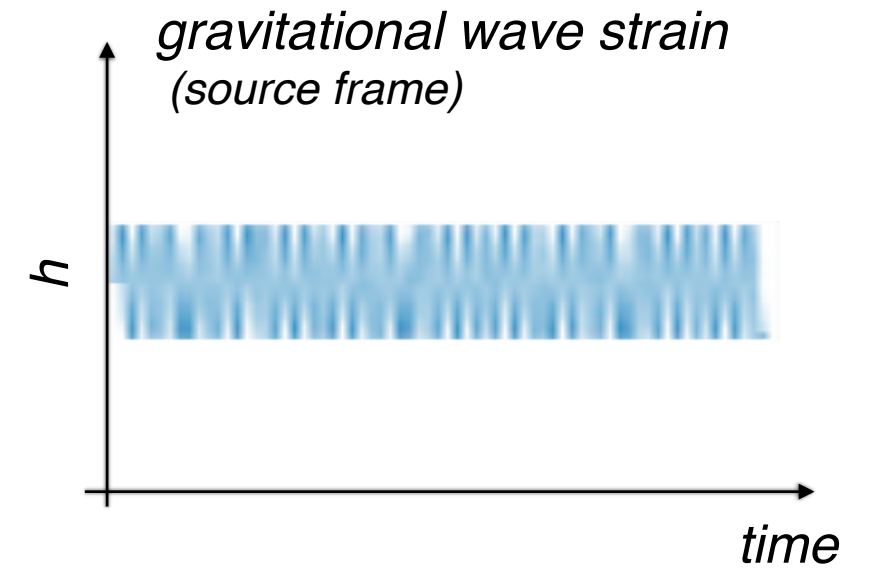
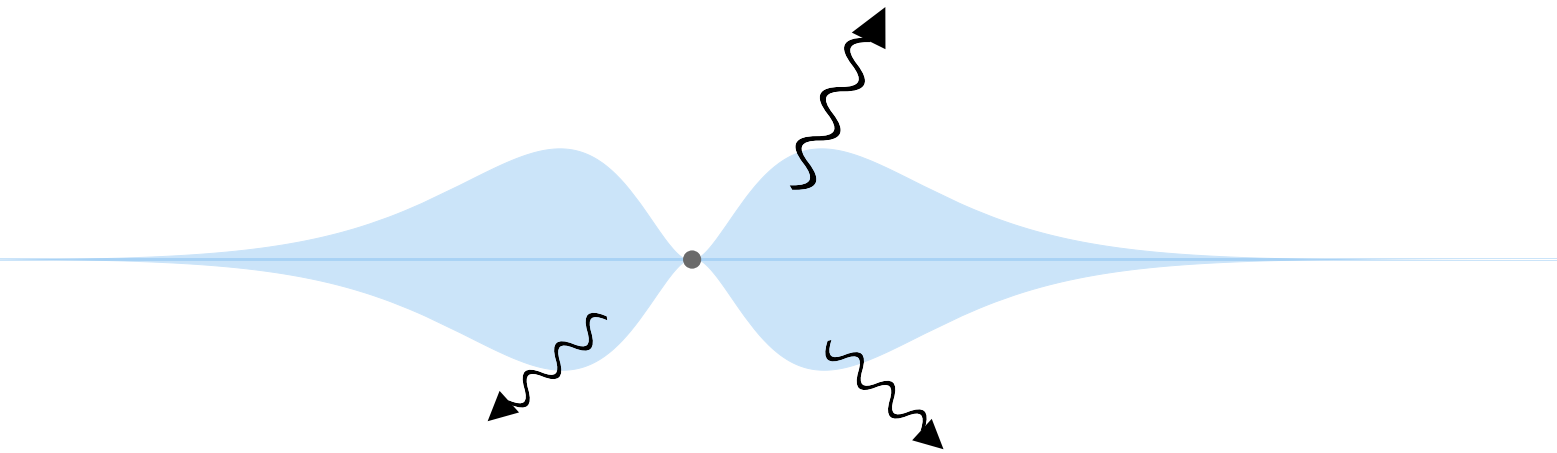


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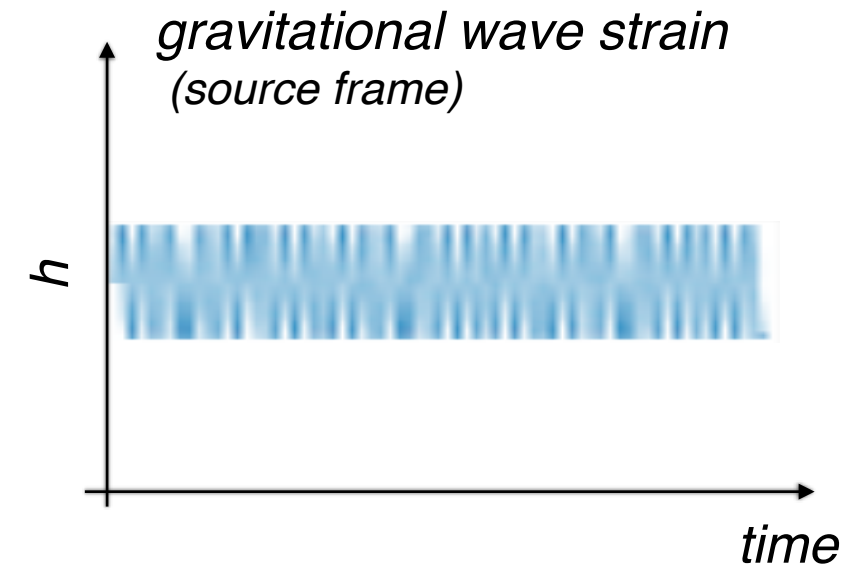
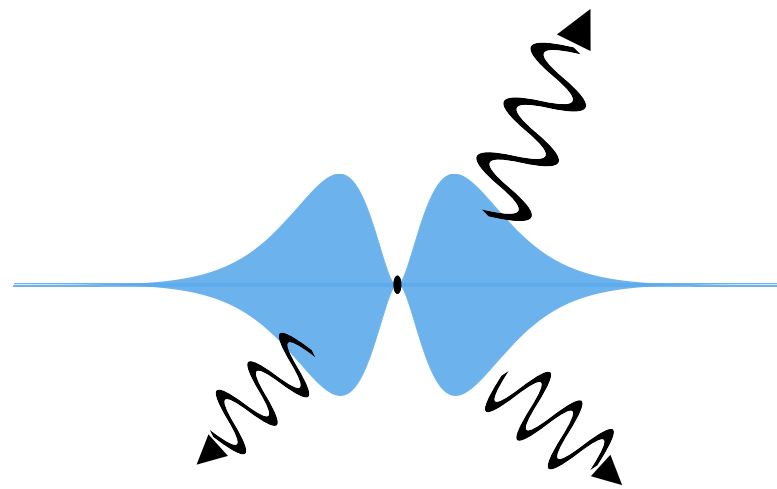
- Time-varying energy density sources gravitational waves:
two bosons annihilating into gravitational waves
- coherent and monochromatic:
 - fit into searches for long, continuous, monochromatic gravitational waves (“mountains” on neutron stars)

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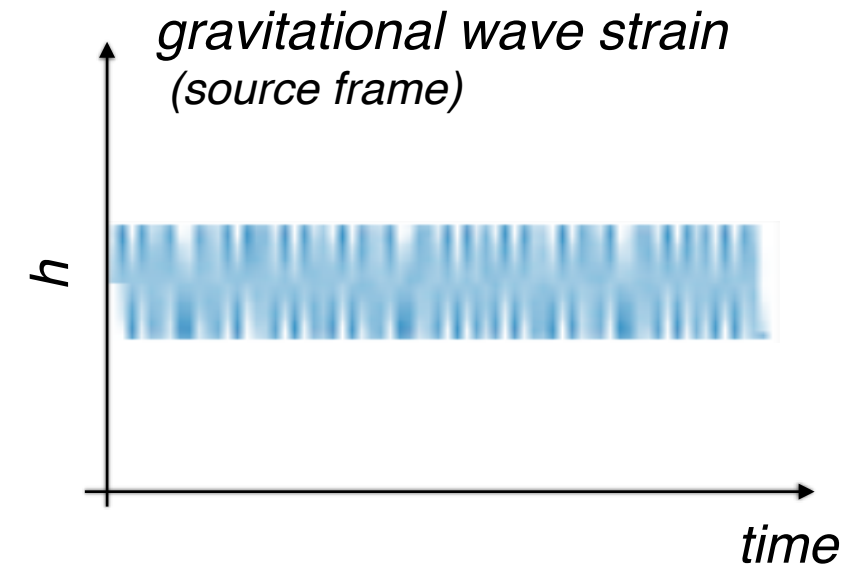
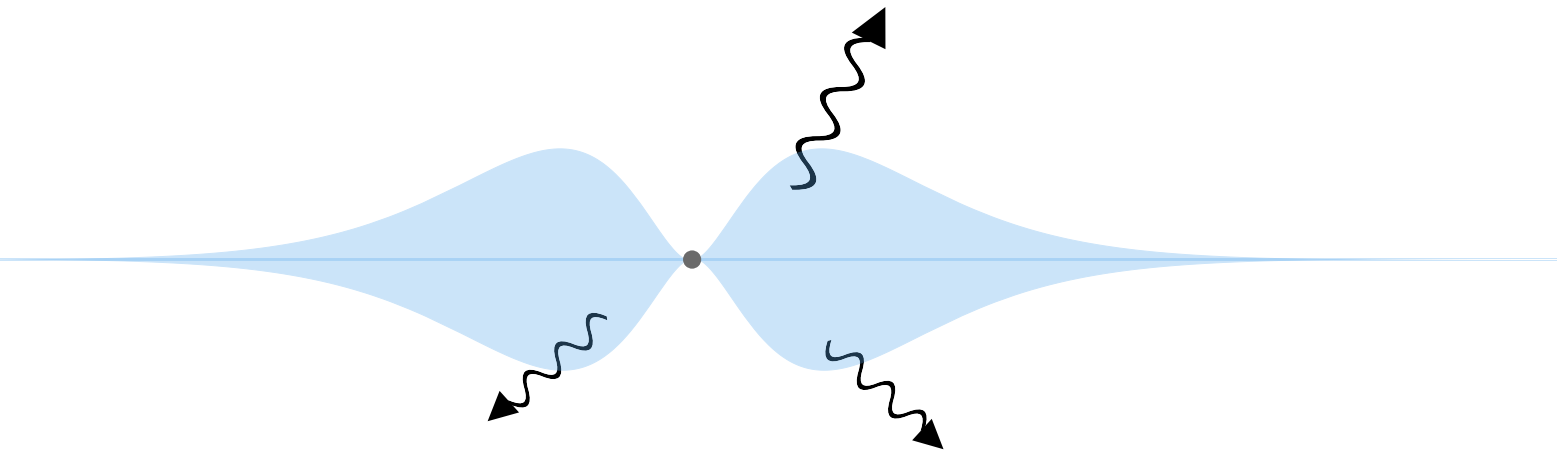
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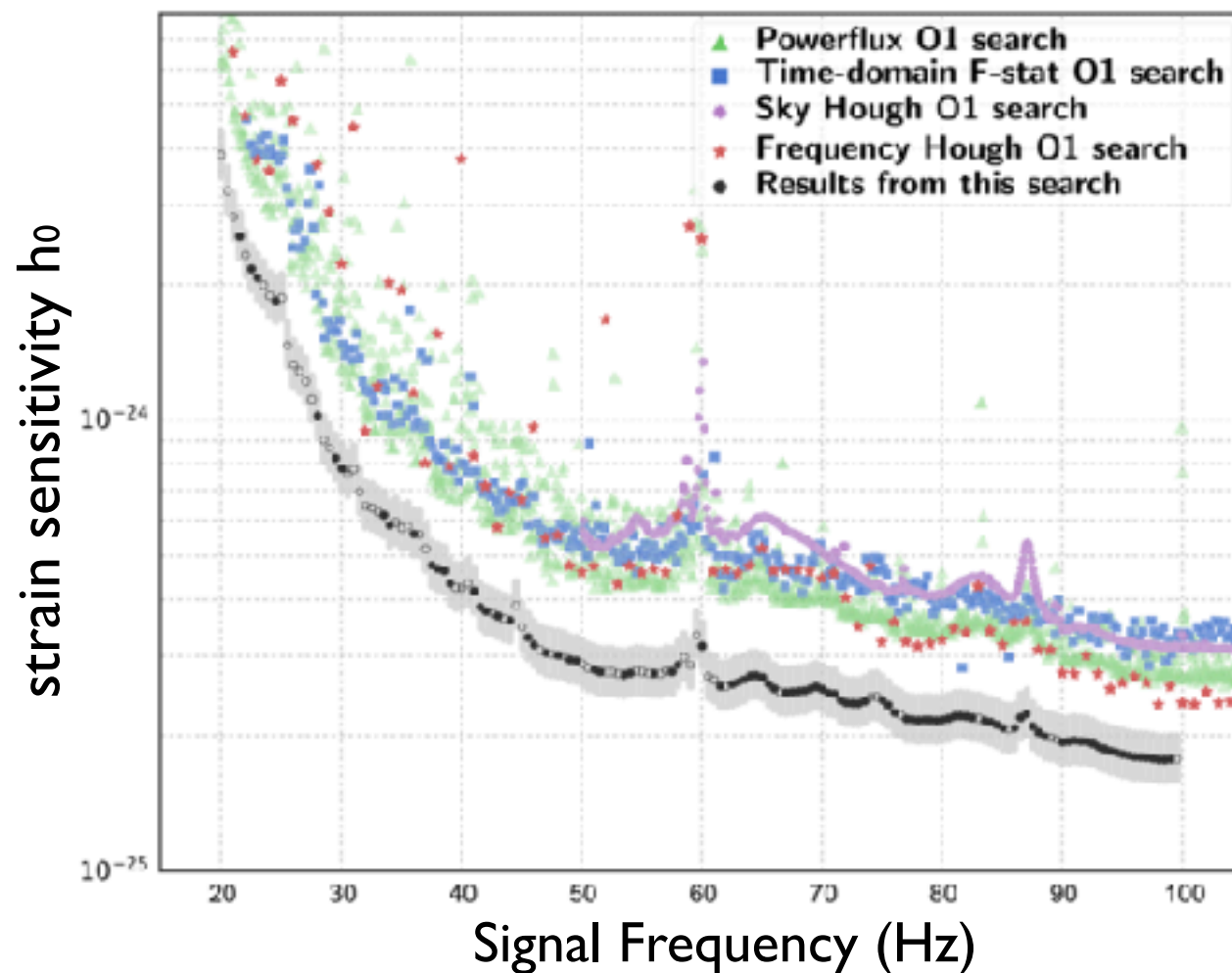
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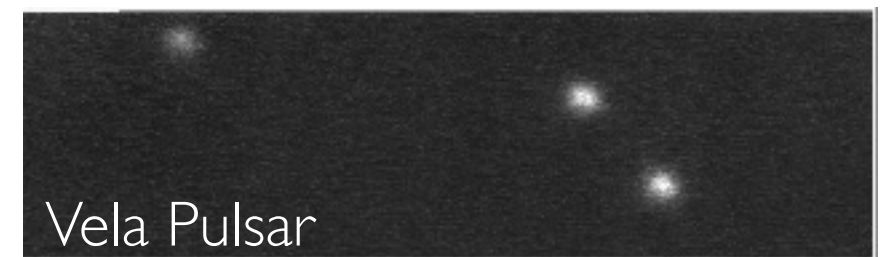
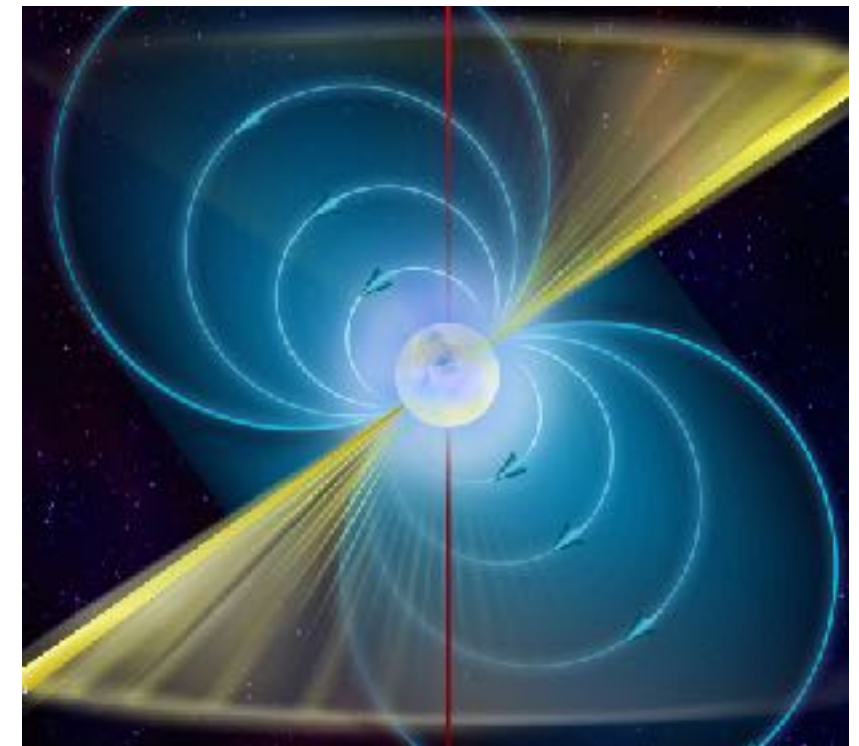
Gravitational Wave Searches

- Current searches for gravitational waves from asymmetric rotating neutron stars ongoing
- Targeted as well as all-sky searches, reaching to very weak signals with large computational efforts

All-Sky O1 Upper Limits



Abbott et al PRD 96, 122004 (2017)

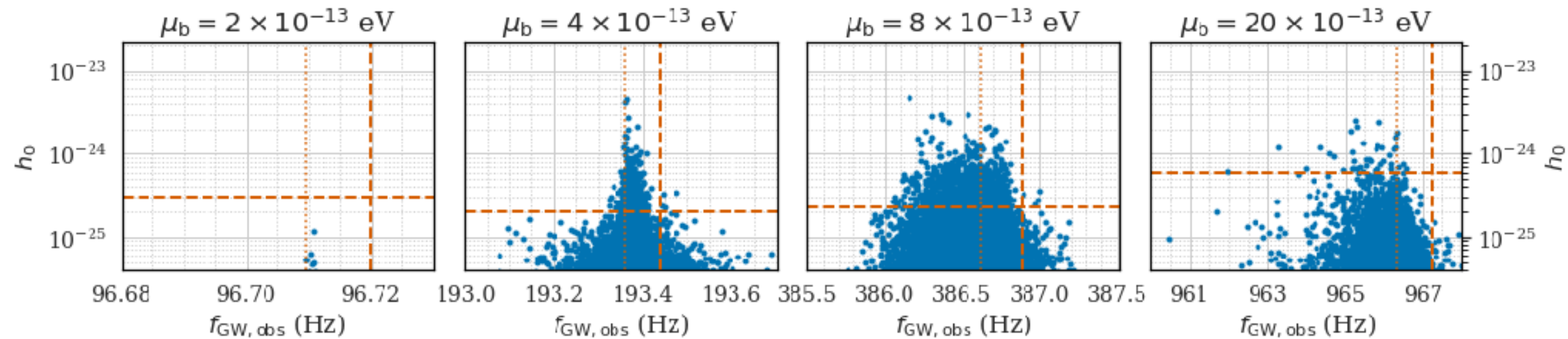


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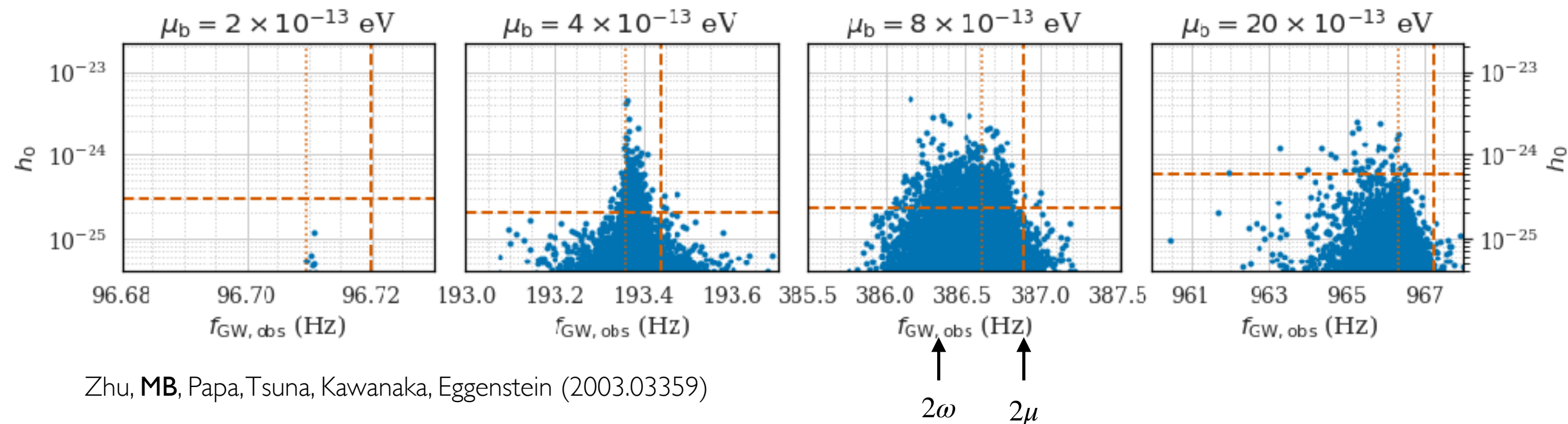
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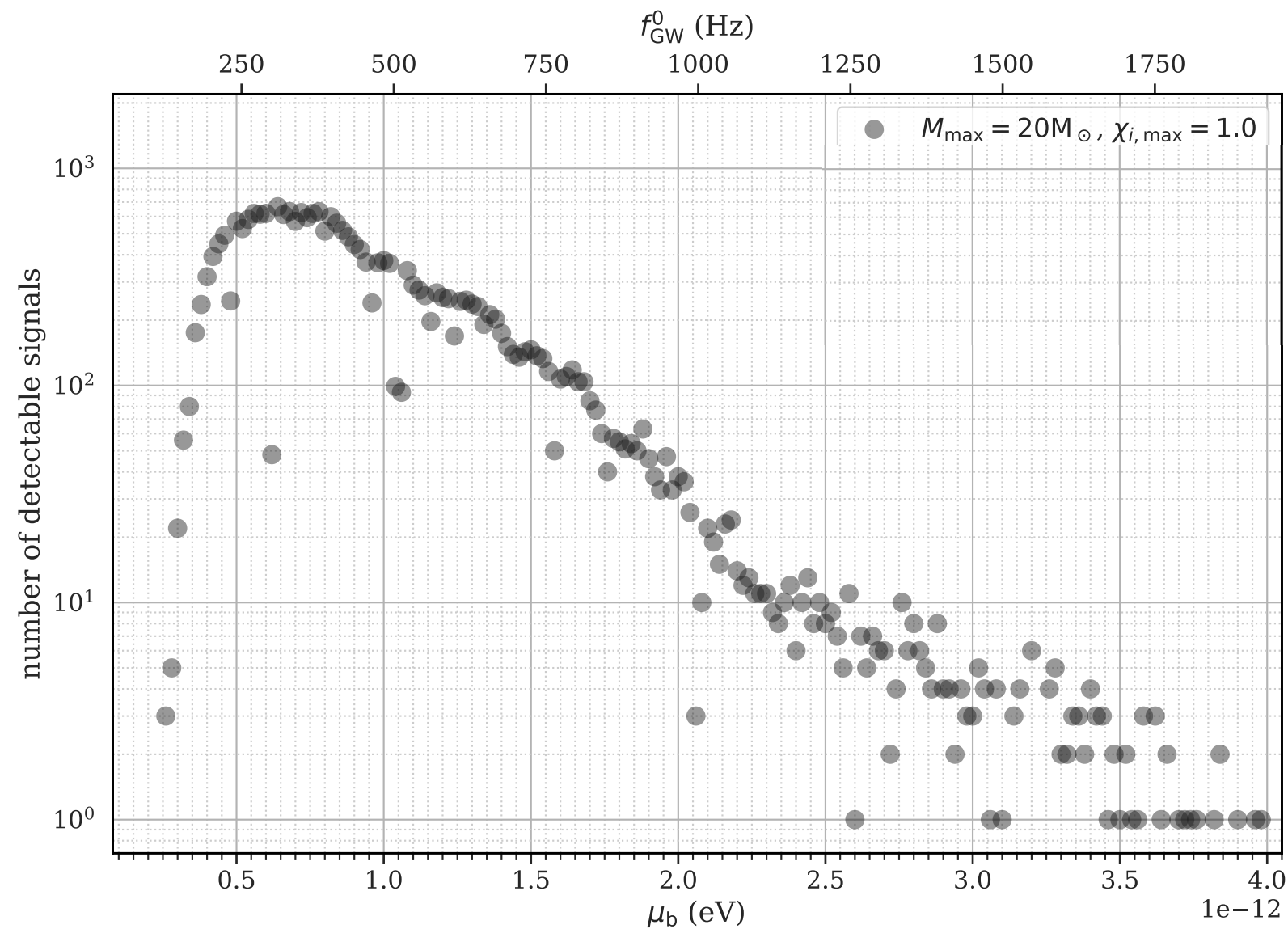


- Signals clustered at frequency \sim twice the axion mass
- Binding energy and doppler shift detected frequency; heavier black holes produce larger signals, lower frequencies
- If one signal is detectable, expect many with a unique strain vs. frequency profile

Signal files available at: www.aei.mpg.de/continuouswaves/arxiv200303359

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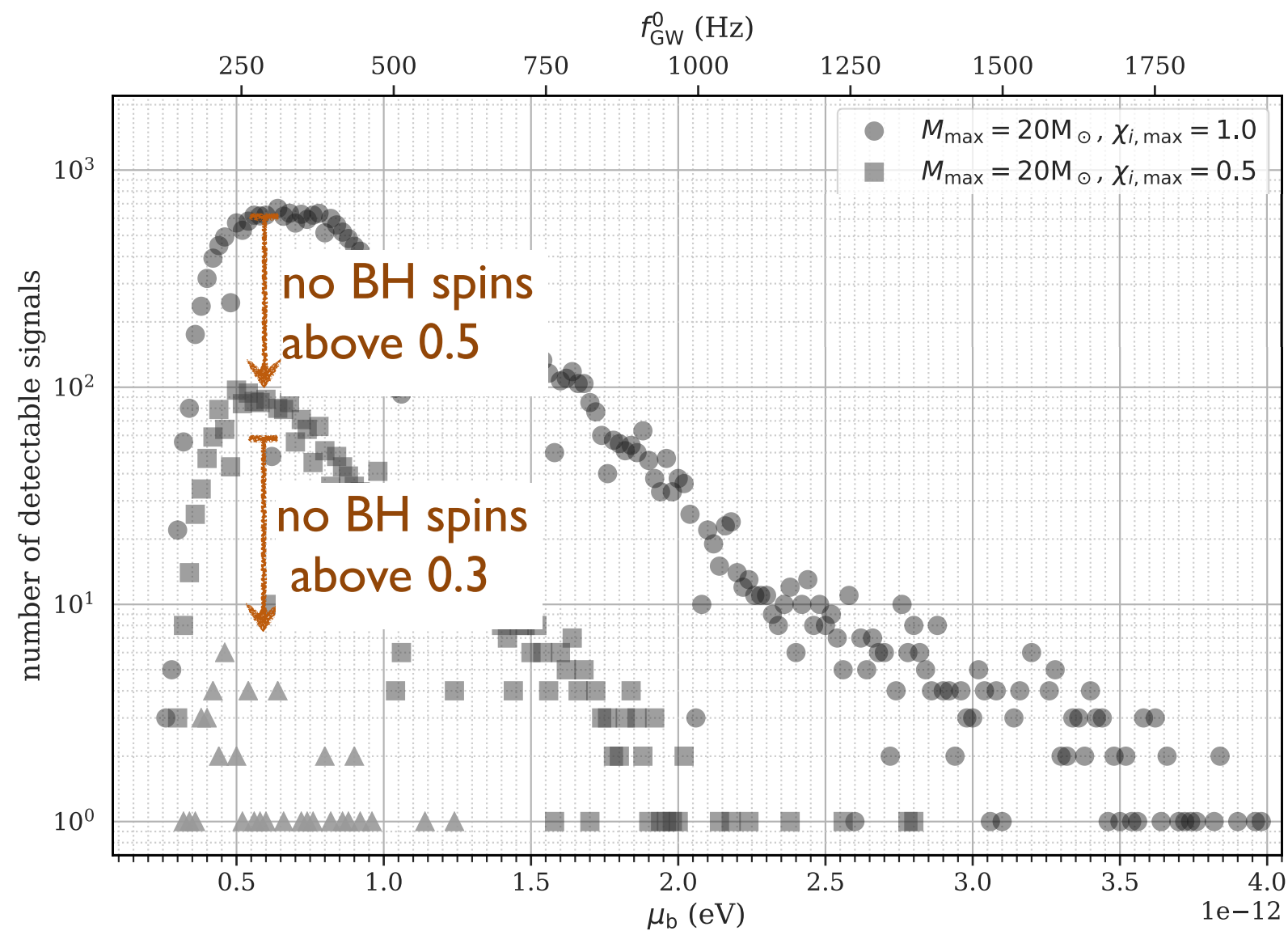


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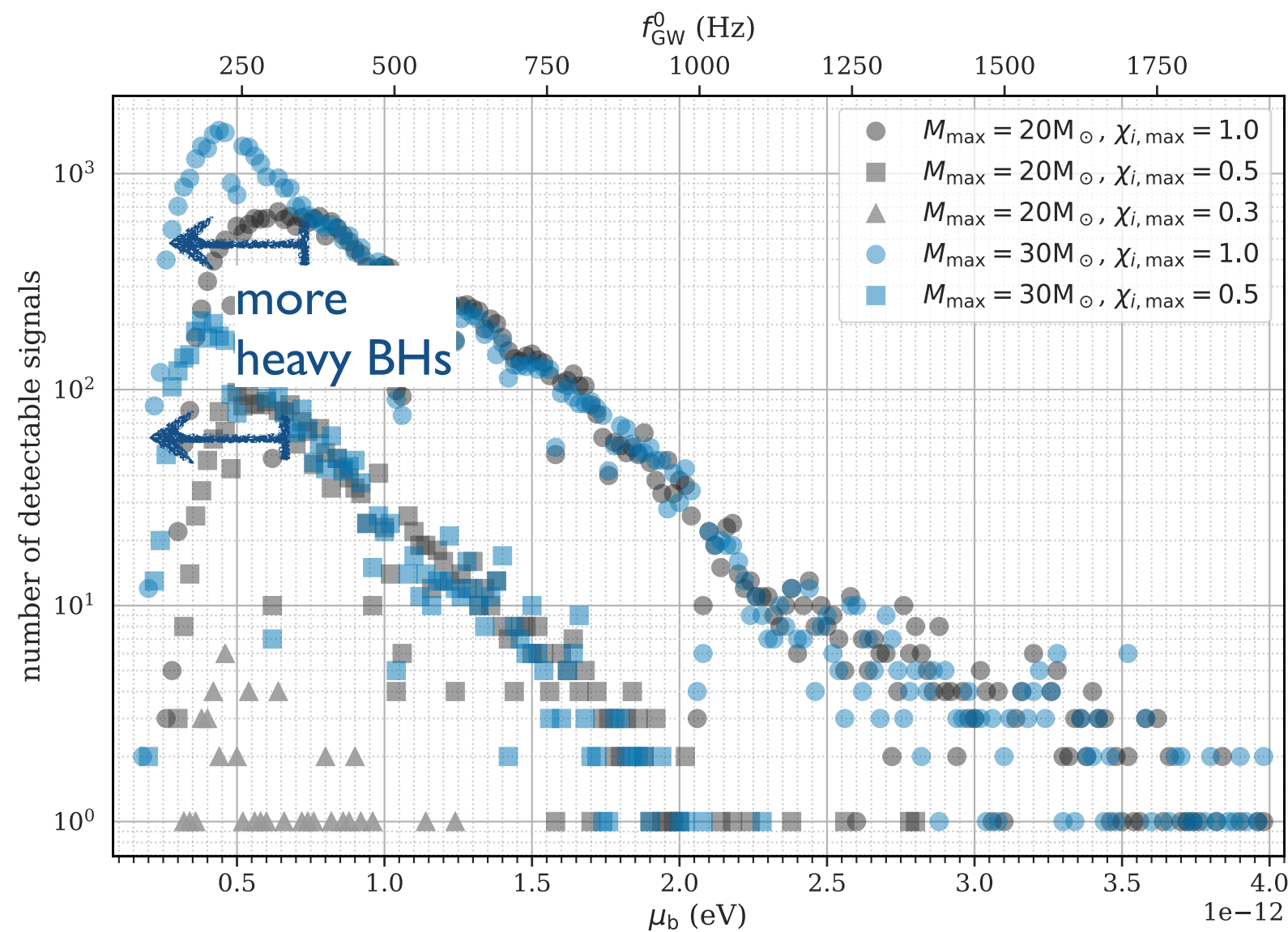


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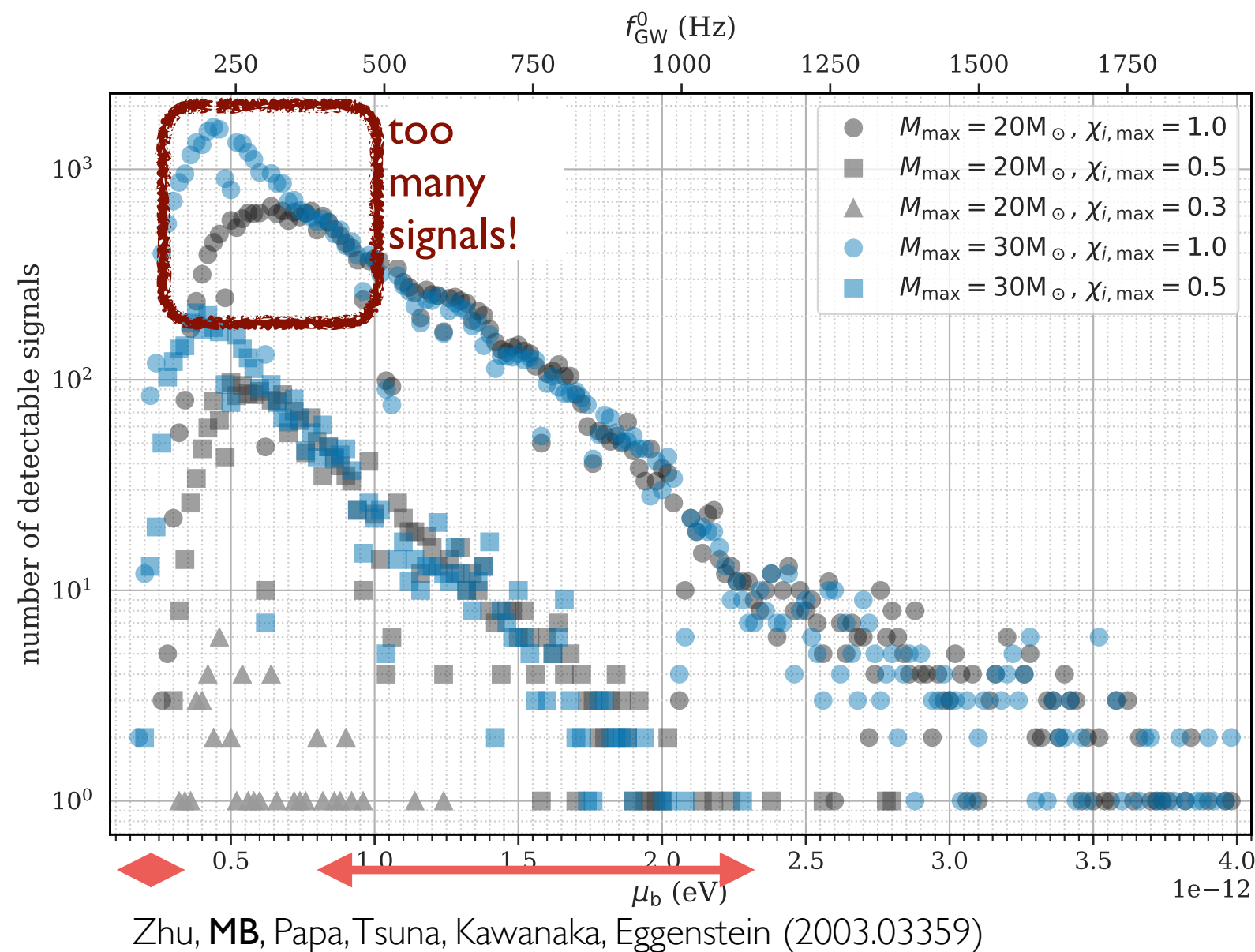


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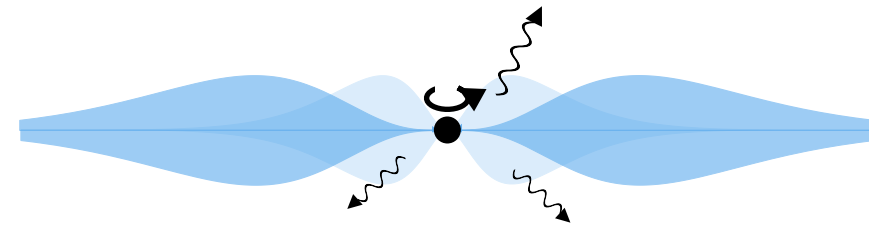


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- Up to 1000 signals above sensitivity threshold of Advanced LIGO searches today
- Can disfavor axions of mass $\sim 10^{-12}$ eV with existing LIGO sensitivity, given assumptions on black hole populations
- Further characterization of continuous wave searches in dense signal regime is ongoing

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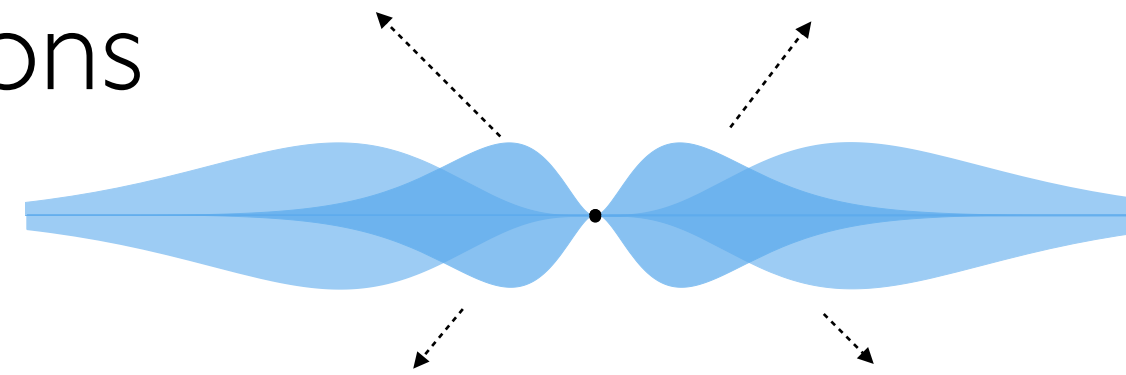
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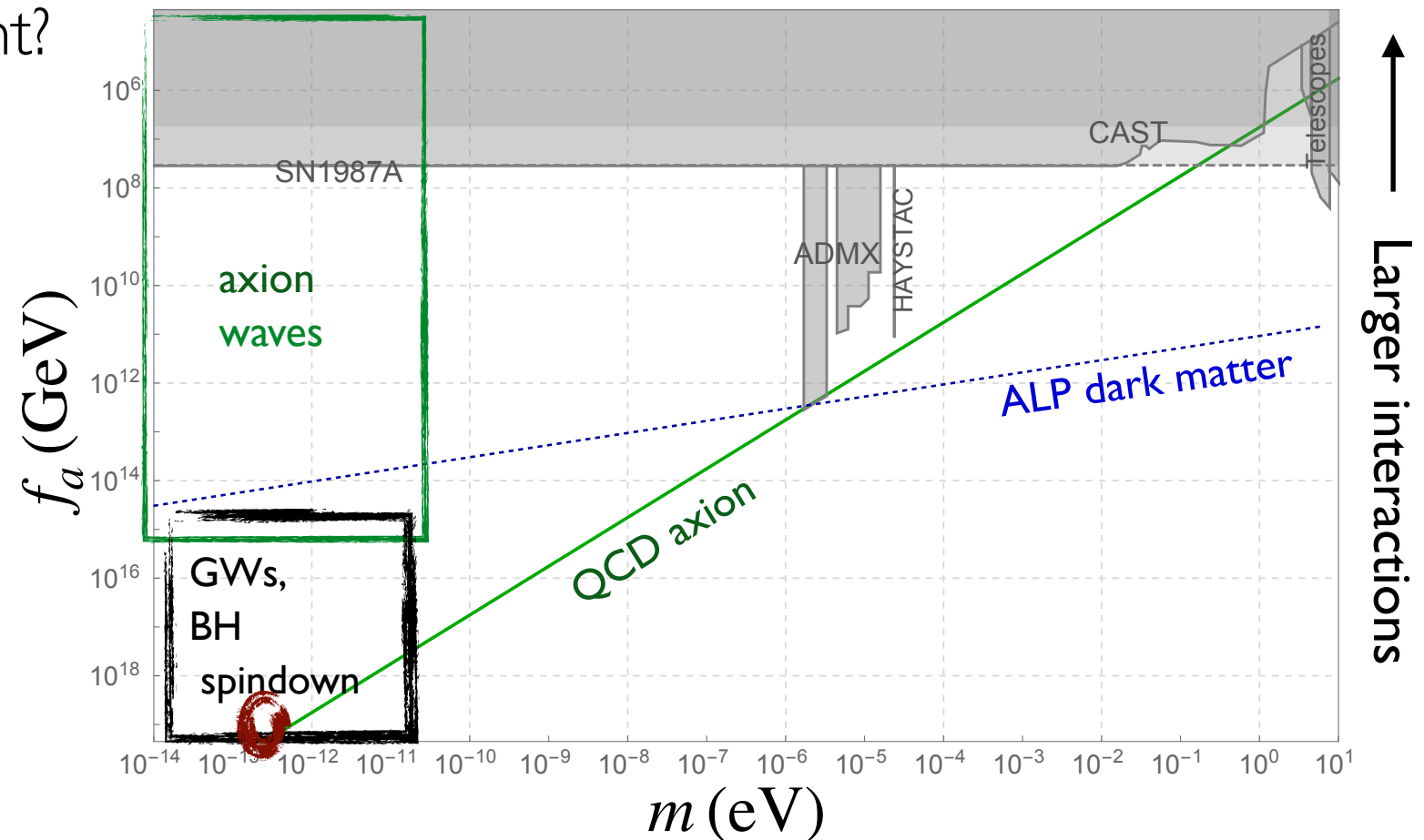
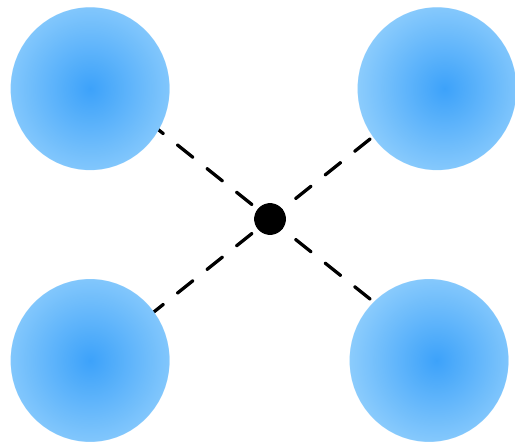


Self-Interactions



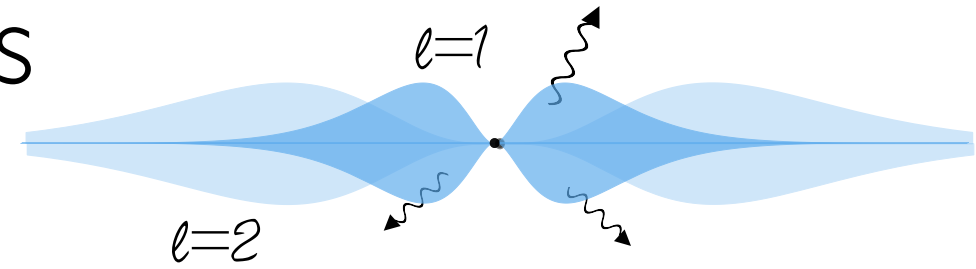
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- So far, have focused on gravitational signatures of the axion
- What new effects arise when axion self-interactions become important?



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 Yoshino, Kodama 2012
 Gruzinov 2016
 Fukuda, Nakayama 2020

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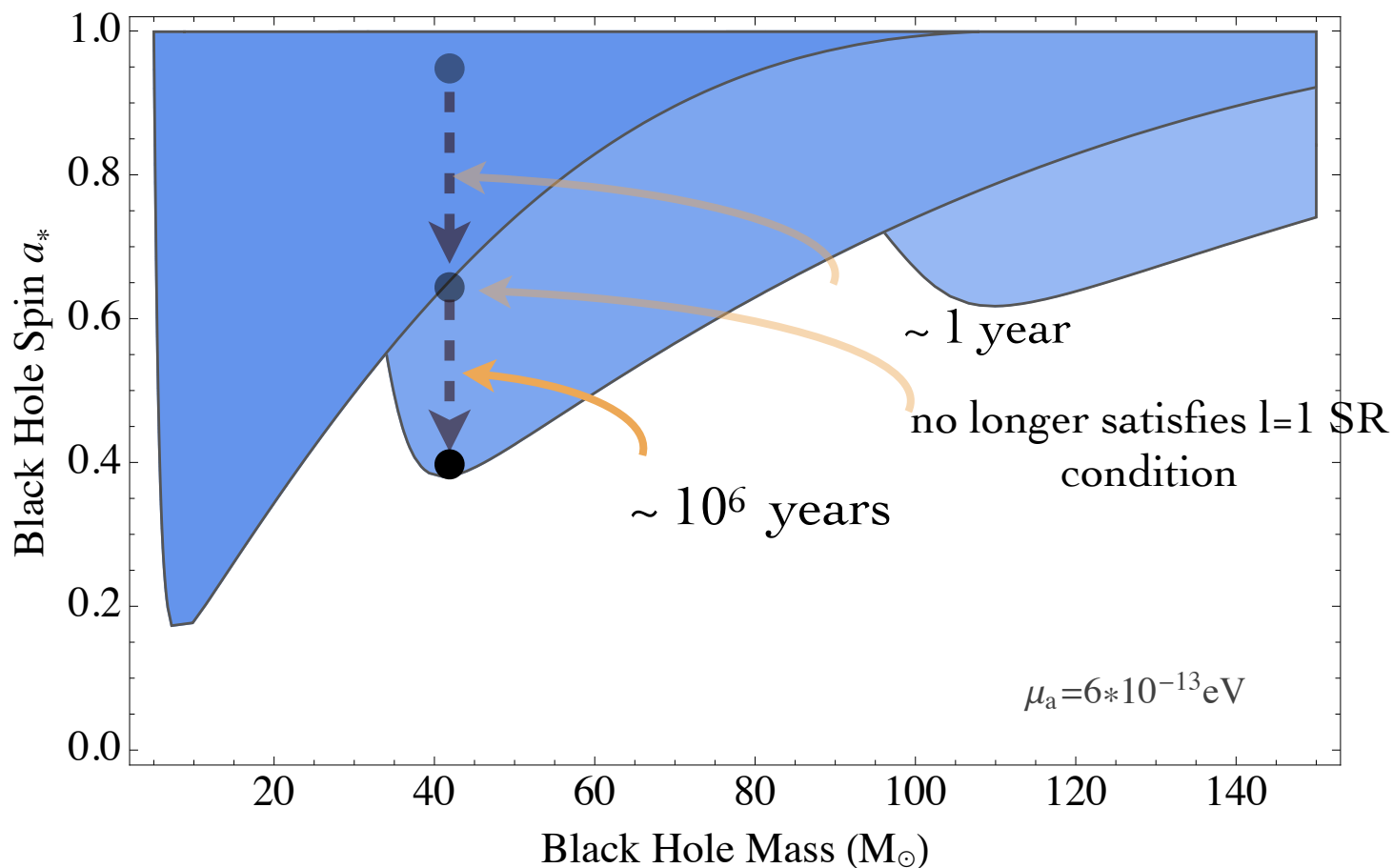
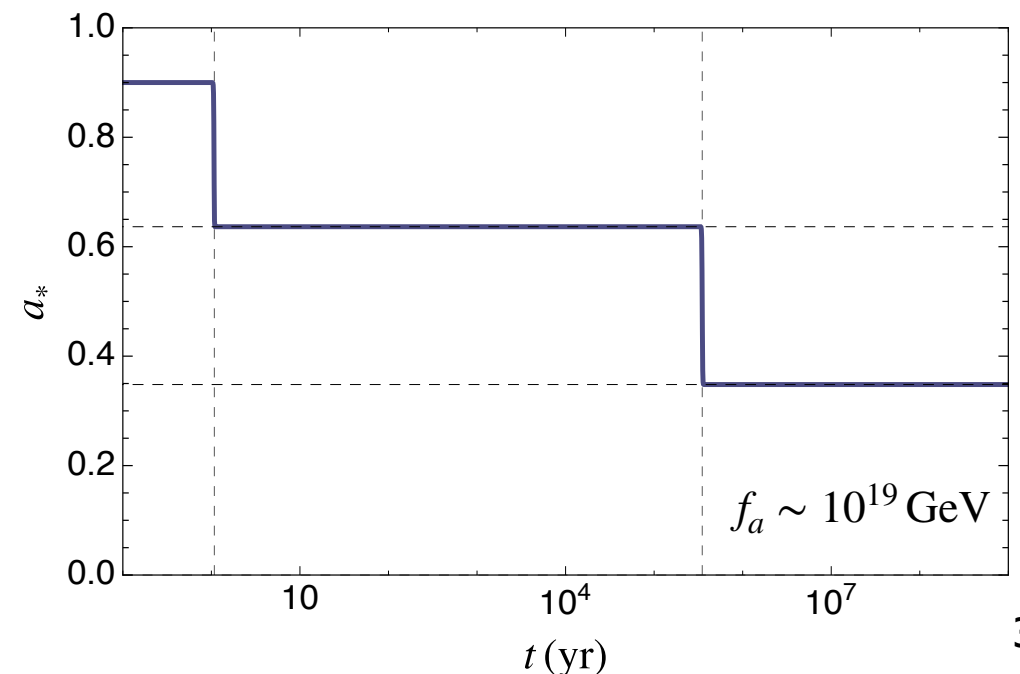
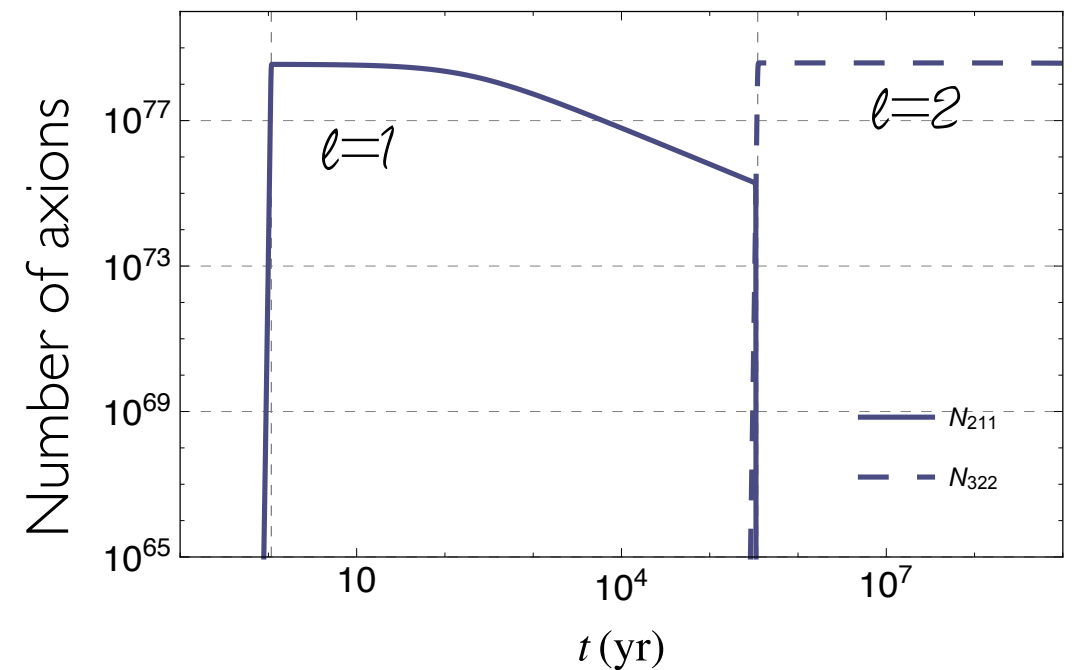


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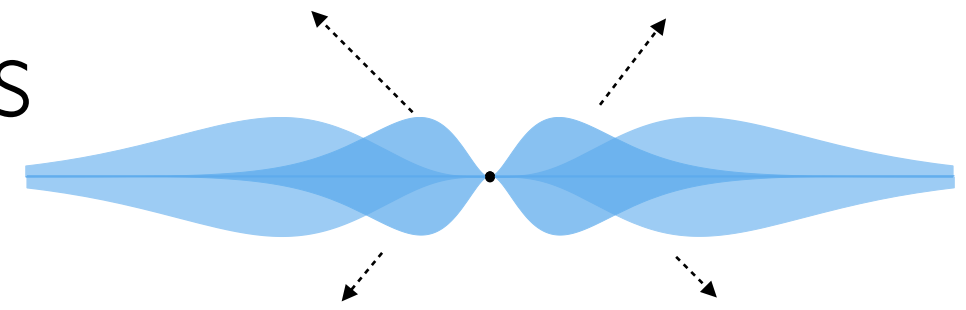
Small self-interactions: $f_a \sim M_{\text{Pl}}$

- BH spins down: next level formed; annihilations to GWs deplete first level
- Next level has a superradiance rate exceeding age of BH

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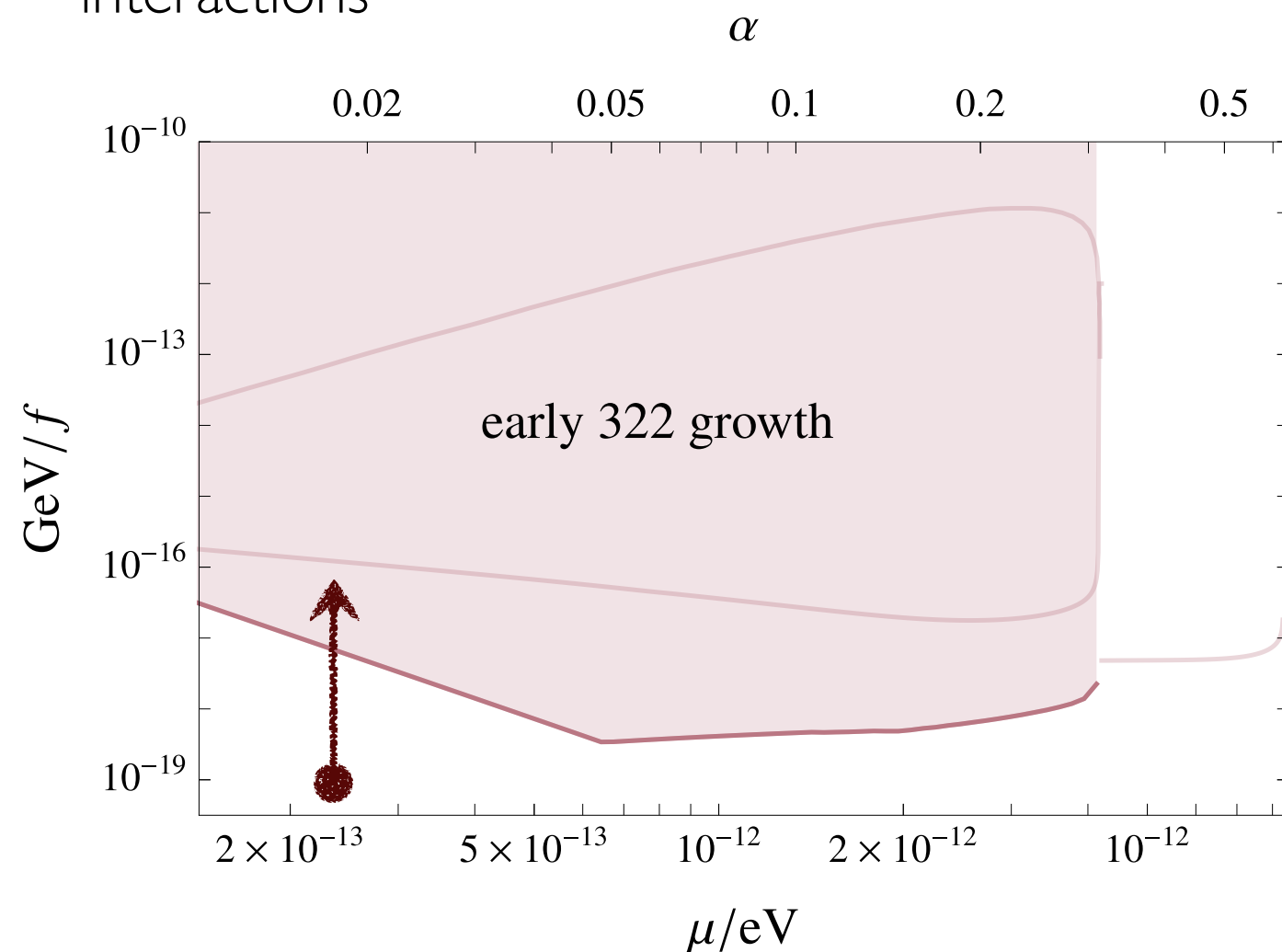
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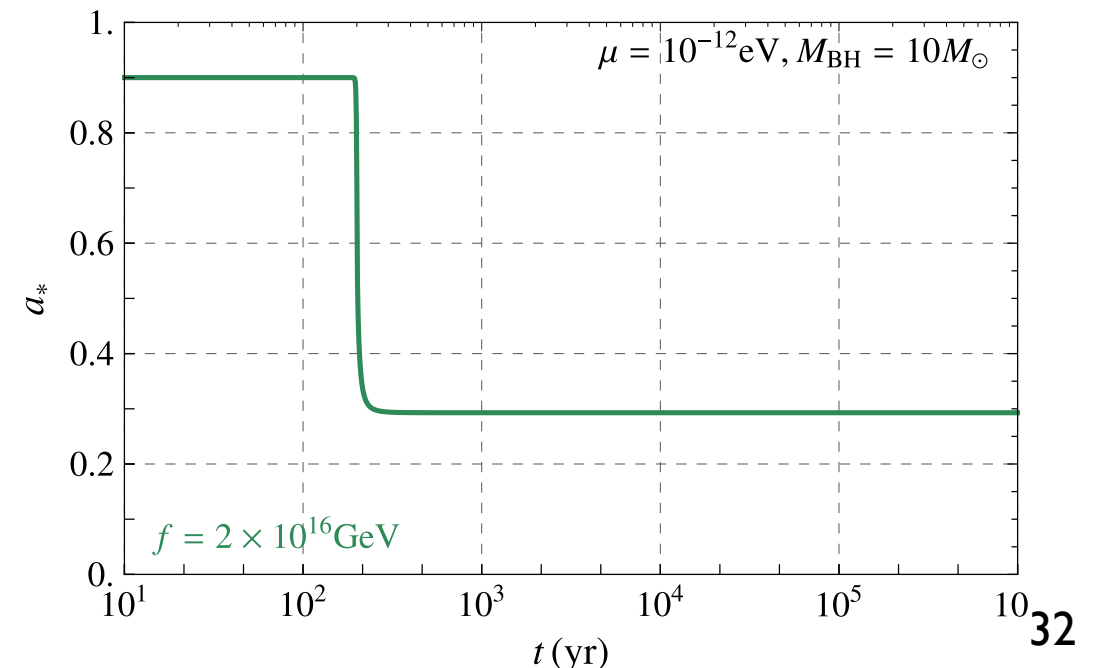
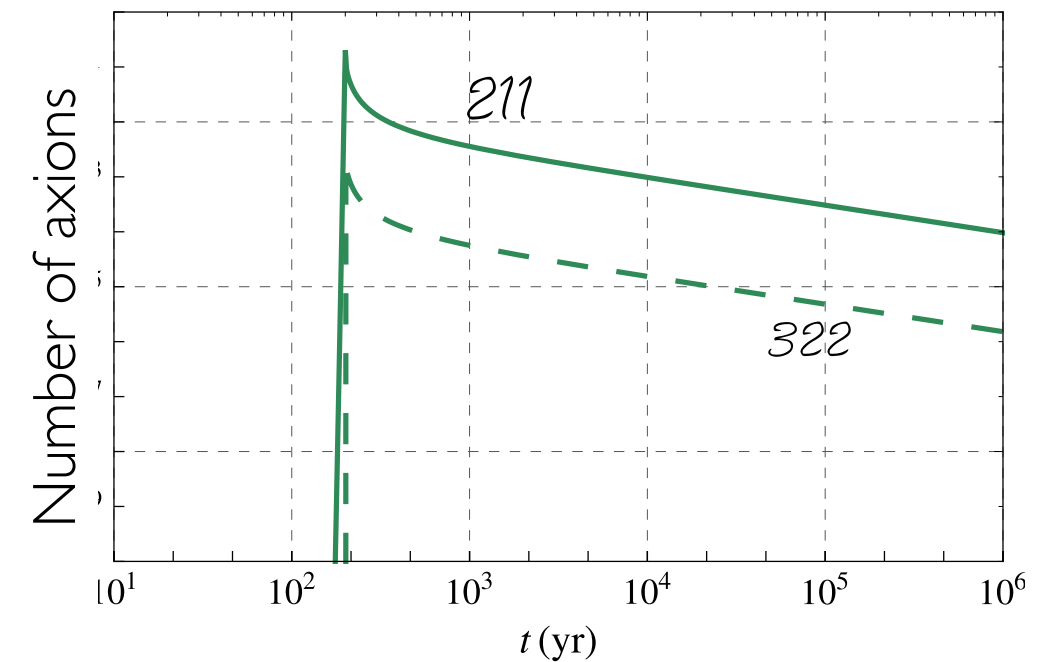
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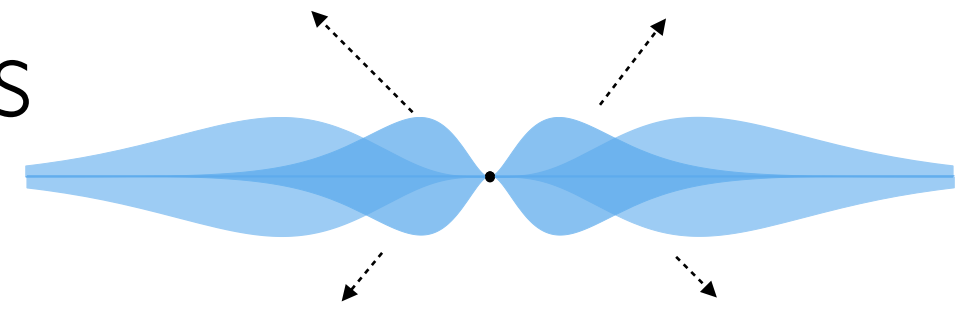
- Black hole energy sources the first level cloud (211) through superradiance
- Second level (322) populated through self-interactions



Time evolution



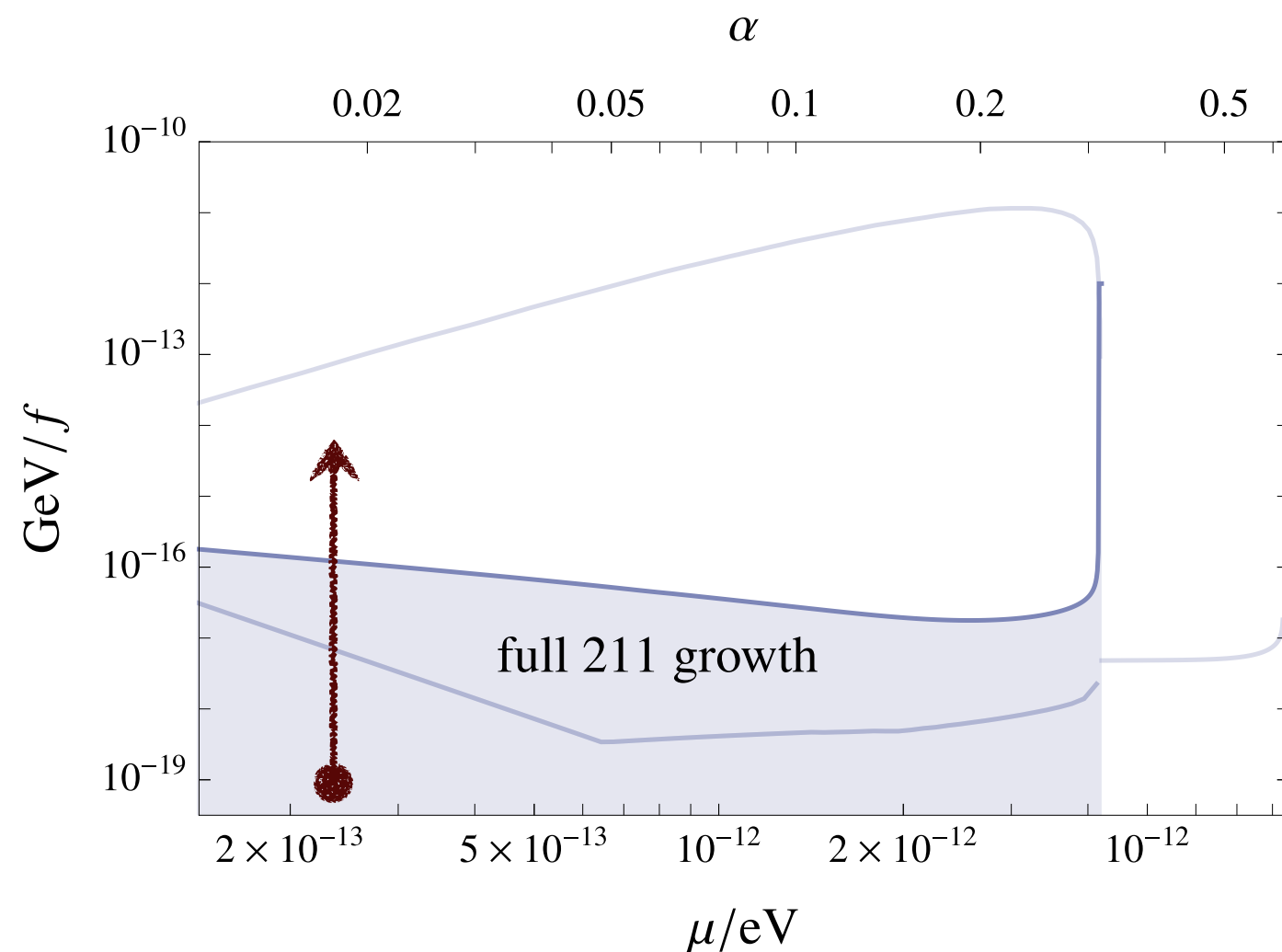
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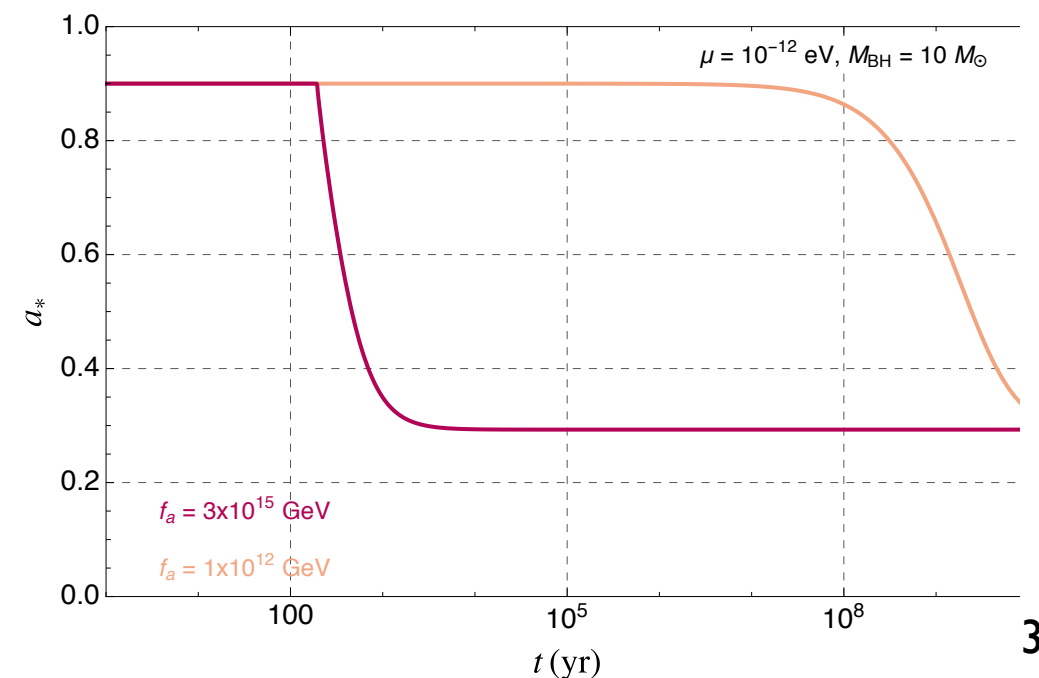
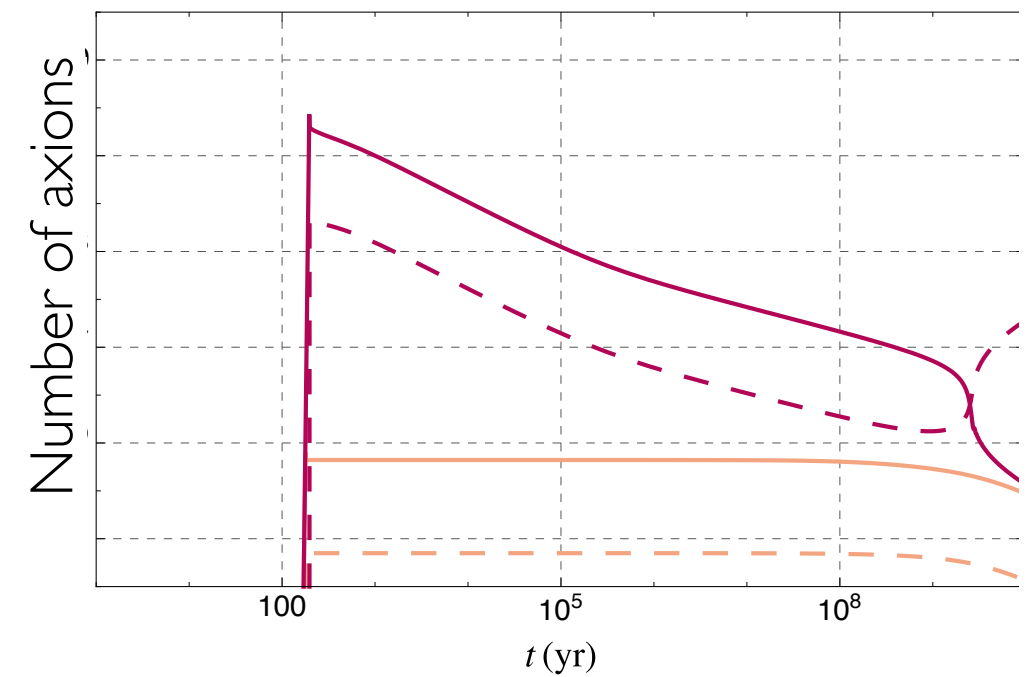
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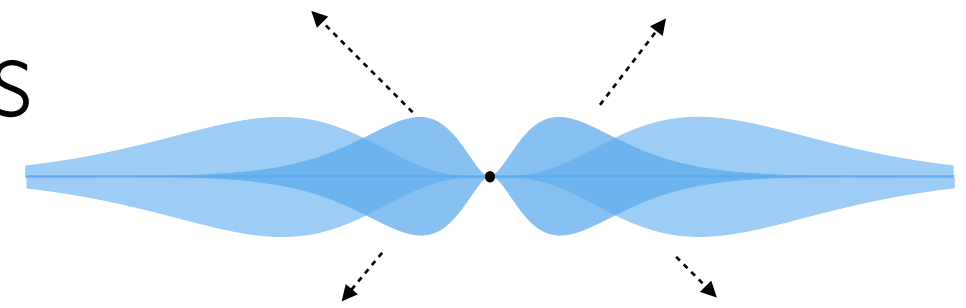
- New energy loss mechanisms (into the BH and waves to infinity)
- 211 no longer grows to maximum



Time evolution



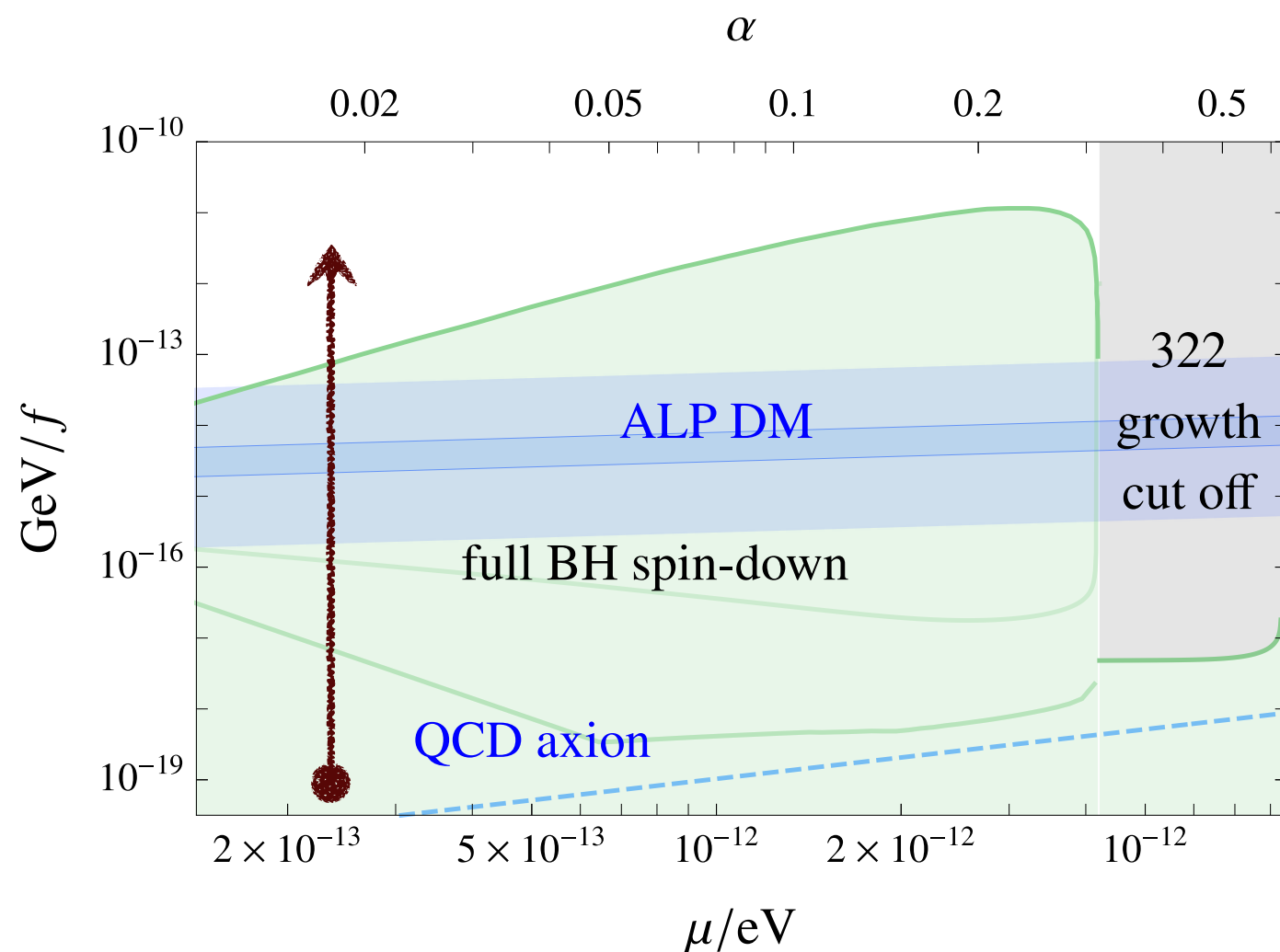
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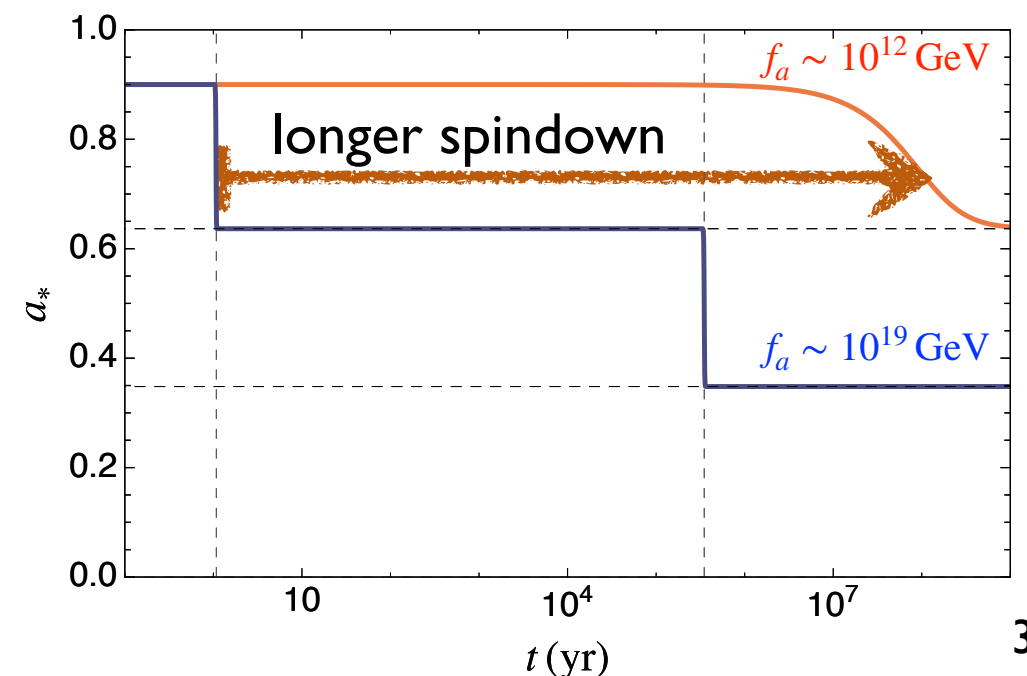
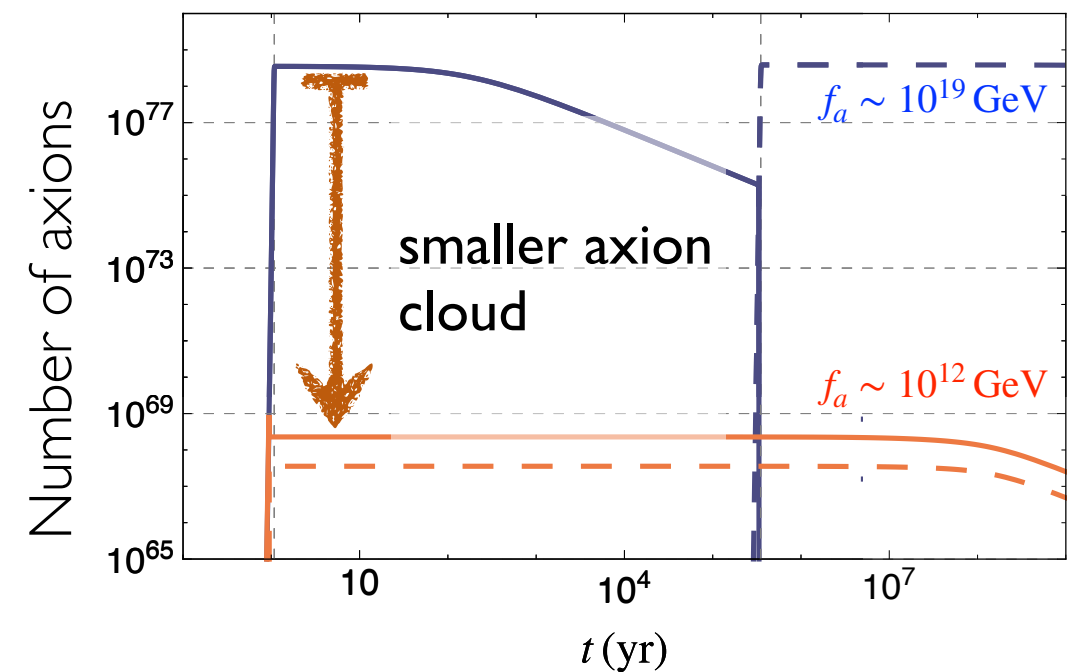
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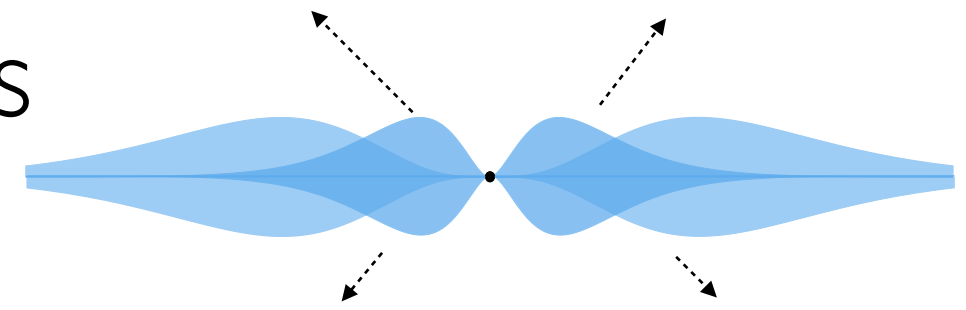
- Smaller axion cloud parametrically slows the spindown of the black hole, equilibrium can last longer than the age of the universe



Time evolution

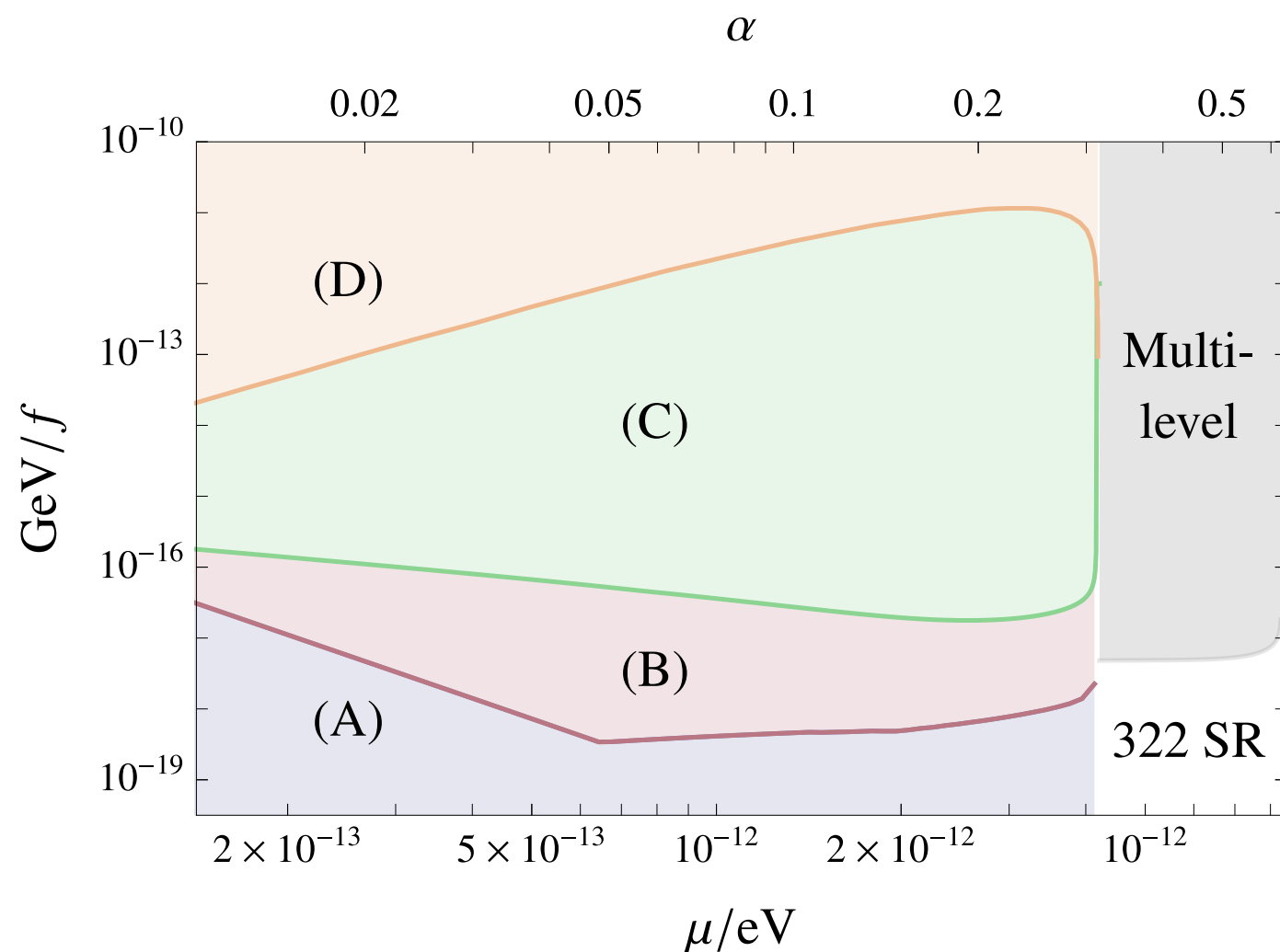


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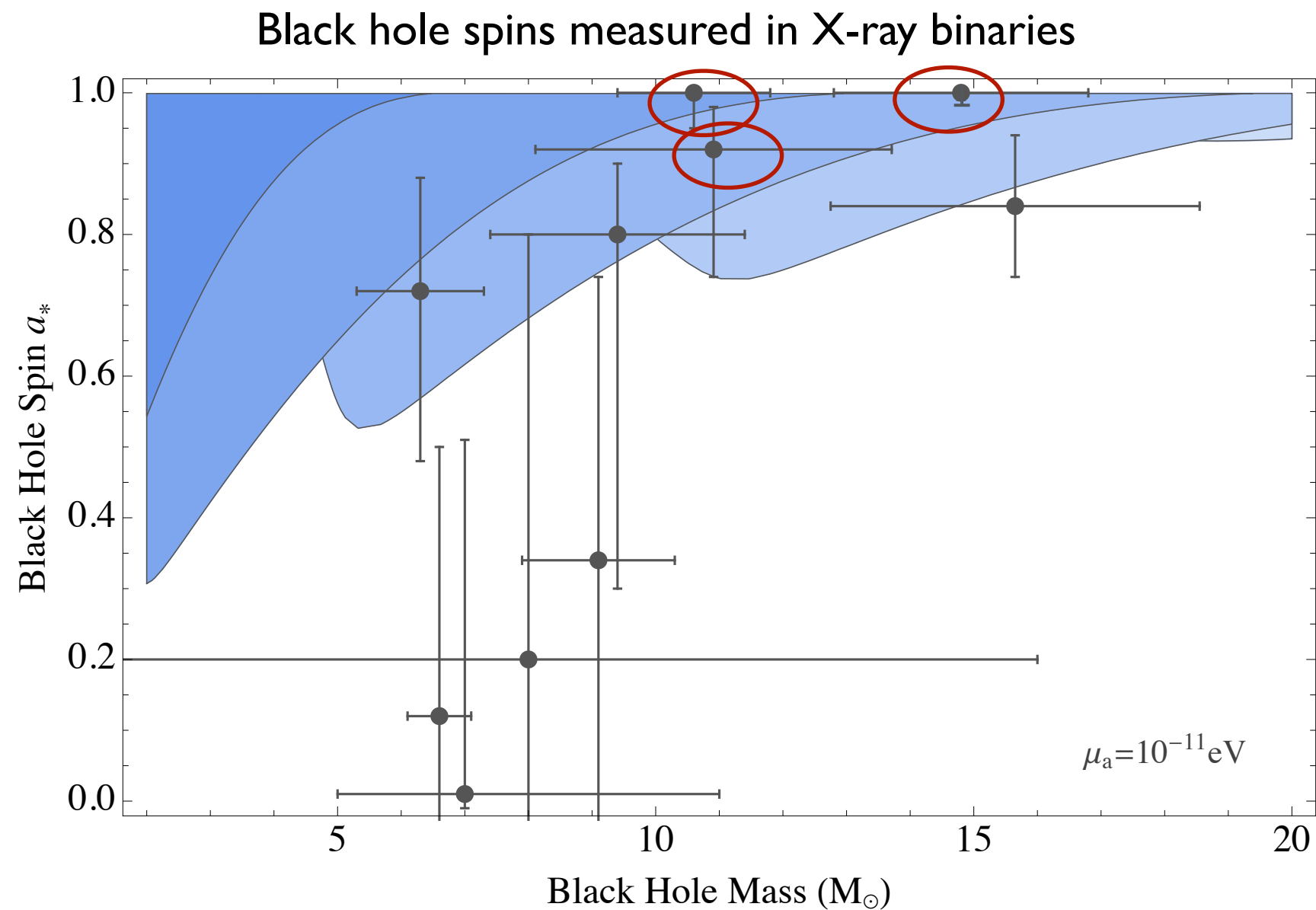
A range of dynamics for different axion self-interactions with different observational implications



- (A): 'gravitational superradiance': gravitational waves, spindown
- (B): two level quasiequilibrium: gravitational waves, transitions, spindown
- (C): reduced occupation numbers: small amplitude gravitational waves, spindown, axion waves
- (D): no spindown, axion wave emission

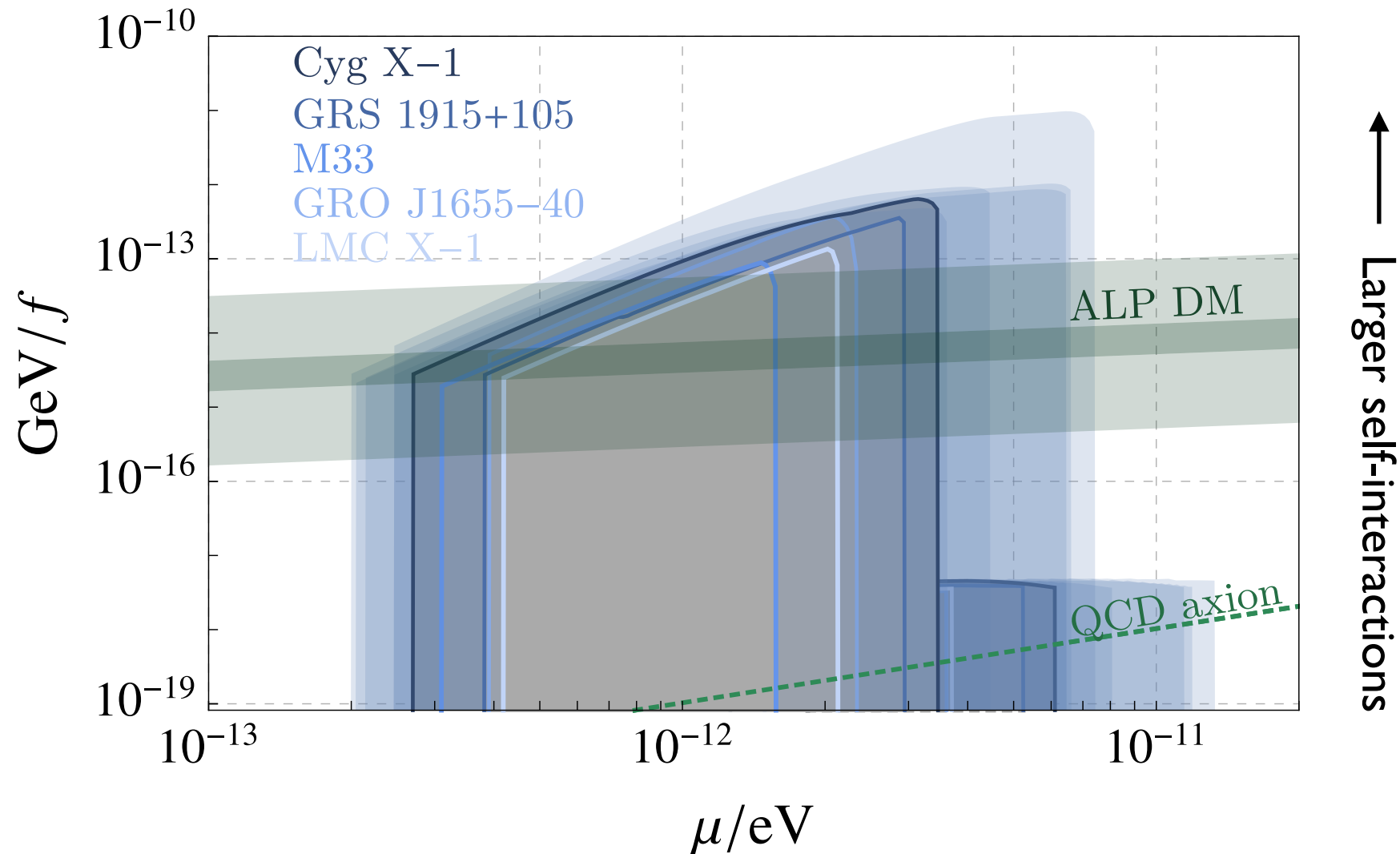
Black Hole Spins

Black hole spin and mass measurements can be used to constrain axion parameter space



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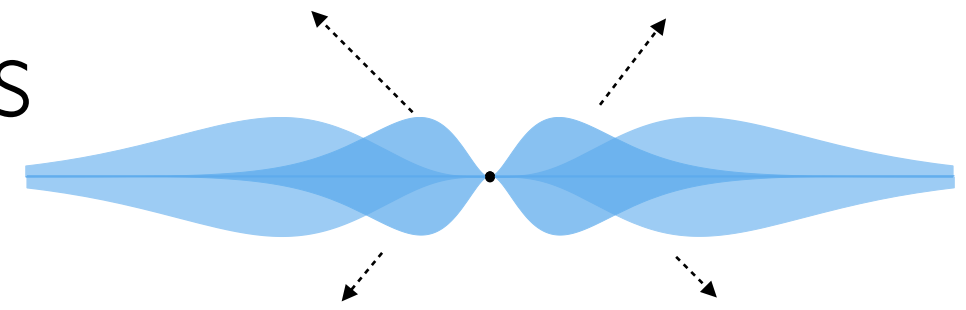
Five currently measured black holes combine to set limit:



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- As self-interactions increase, the number of axions in each level is bounded and spin extraction from the black hole slows

Self-Interactions

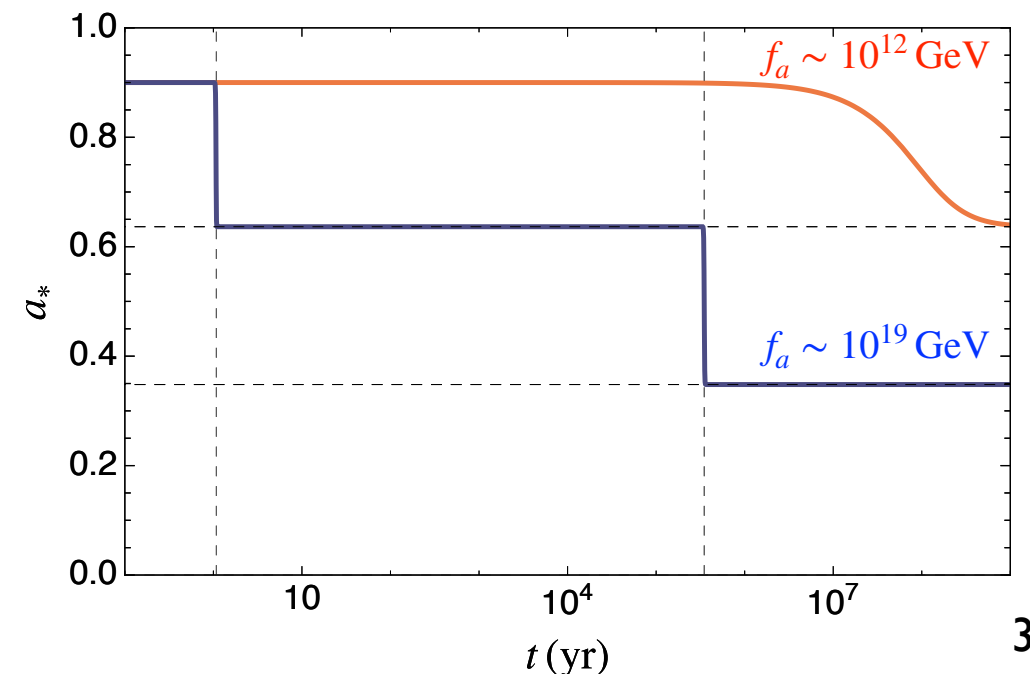
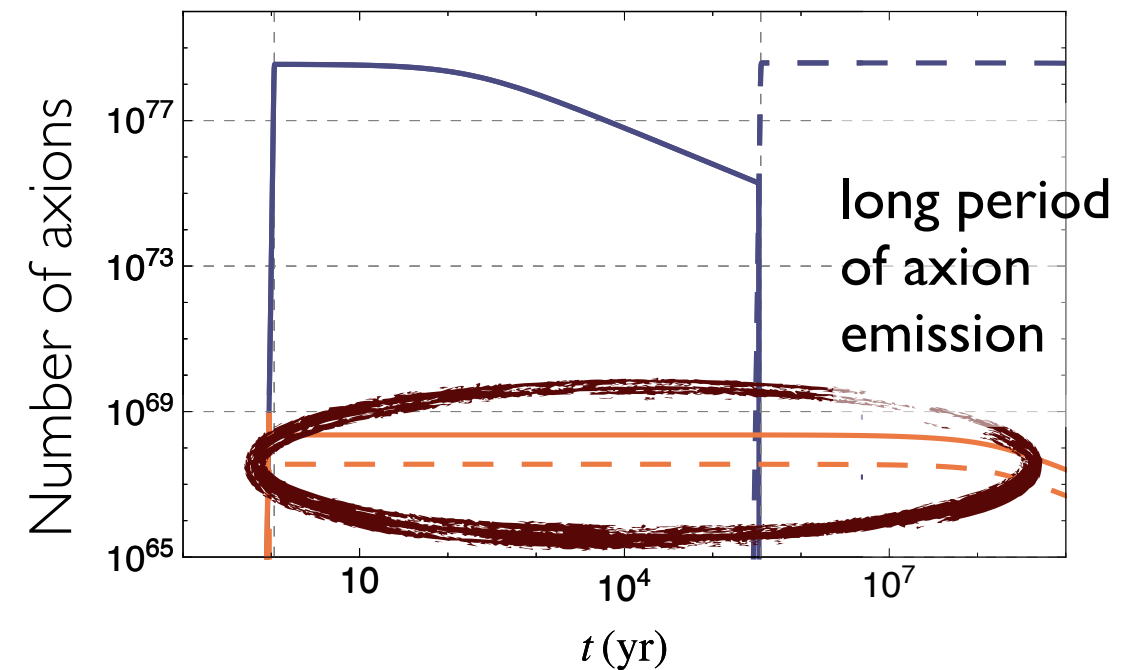


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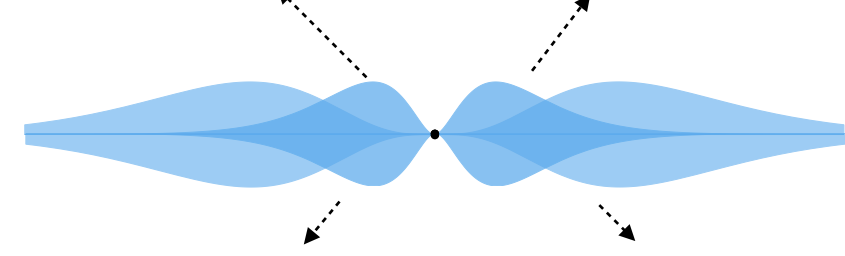
Larger self-interactions: $f_a \sim 10^{12} \text{ GeV}$

- Black hole energy slowly gets converted to axions
- Cloud size constant over time; not large enough to affect the black hole evolution
- Non relativistic coherent axion waves emitted at constant amplitude throughout black hole lifetime

Time evolution



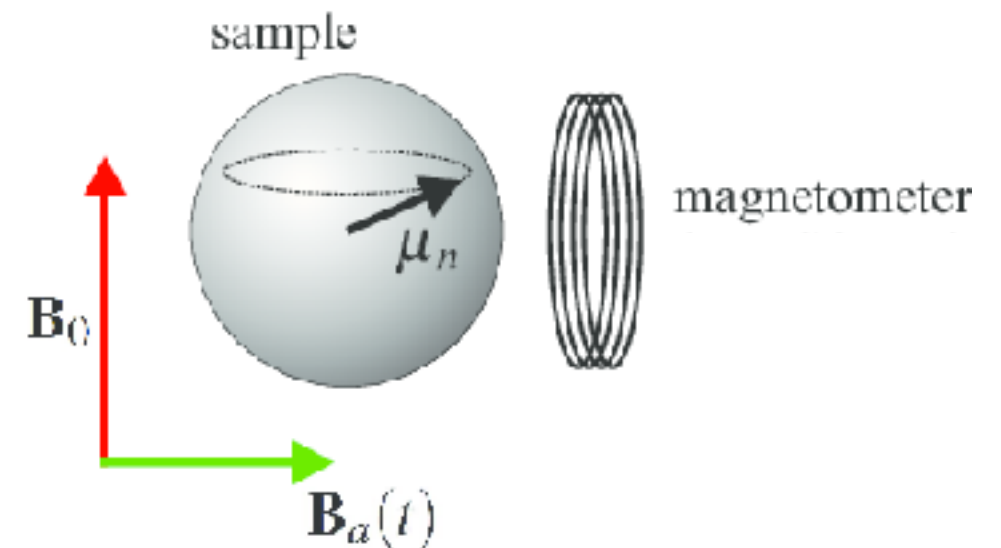
Axionic Beacons



A new source of axions in the universe

- Black hole energy slowly and constantly converted to axion waves
- Can be detected directly if axions couple to the Standard Model
- Fractional field amplitude independent of self interactions, comparable to laboratory search targets

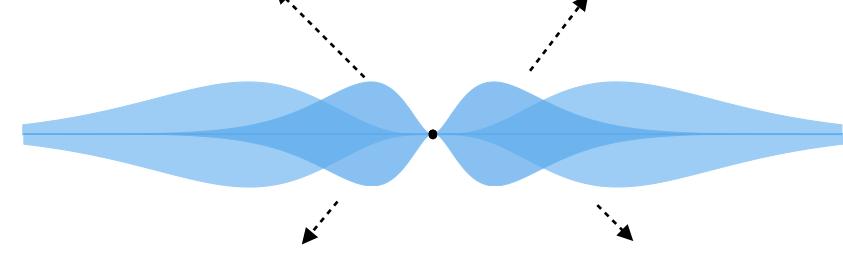
- Axion field gradient acts like a magnetic field on particle spins



$$\frac{a}{f_a} \sim 10^{-17} \left(\frac{10^{-12} \text{eV}}{\mu} \right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{0.2} \right)^3 \left(\frac{\text{kpc}}{r} \right)$$

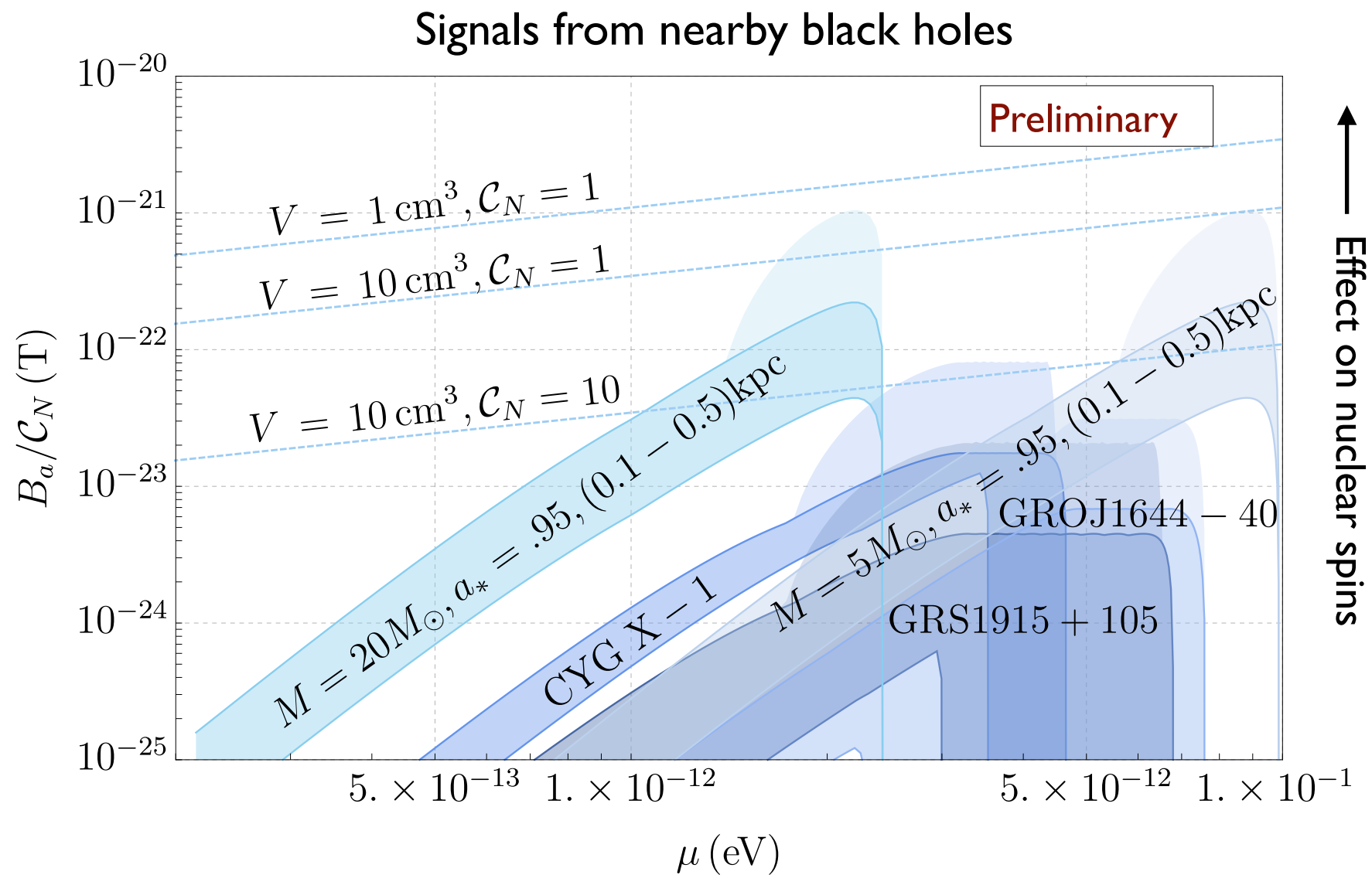
CASPER Budker, Graham, Ledbetter, Rajendran, Sushkov (2014)
Kimball et al (2017)

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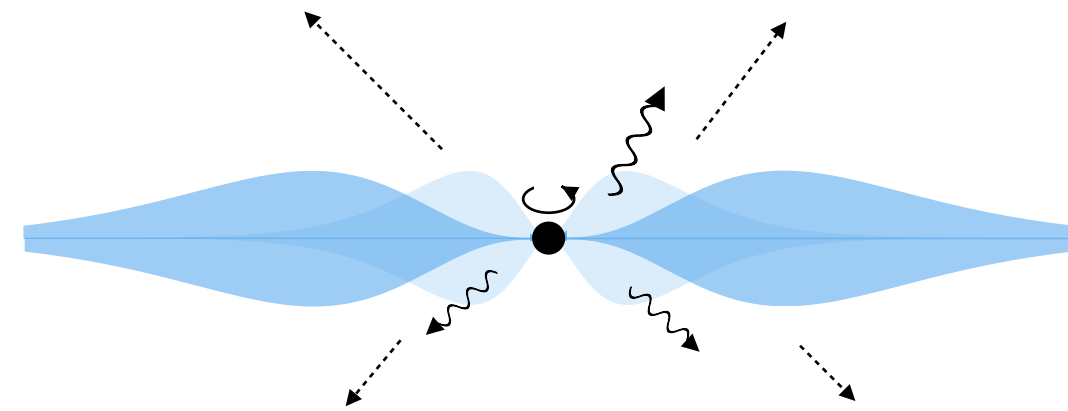
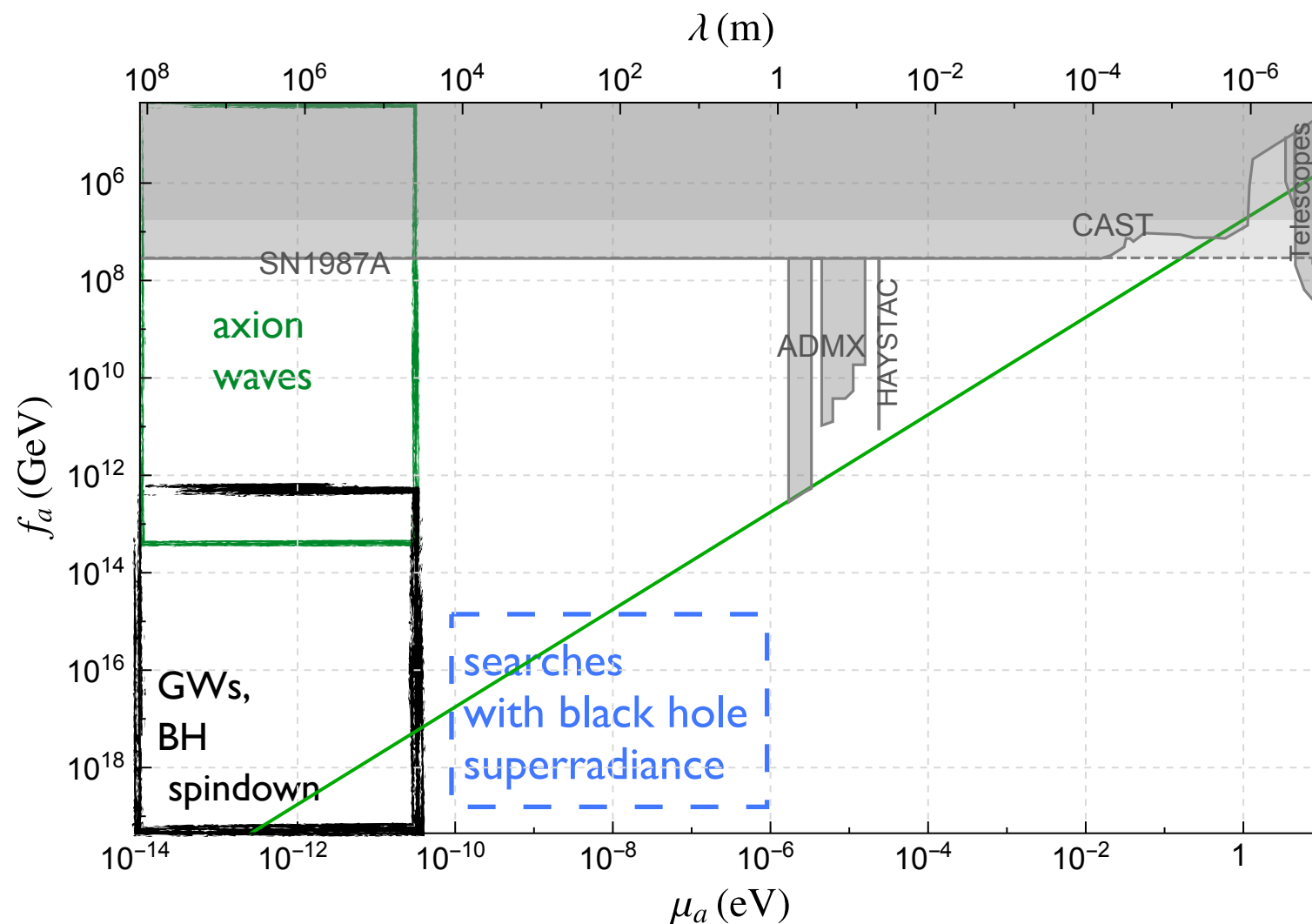
- Signal strength **constant in time**, independent of self interaction strength at small f_a
- Axion waves observable in axion force/dark matter experiments (ARIADNE, CASPER...)
- Requires different data analysis strategies (c.f. LIGO continuous waves search)



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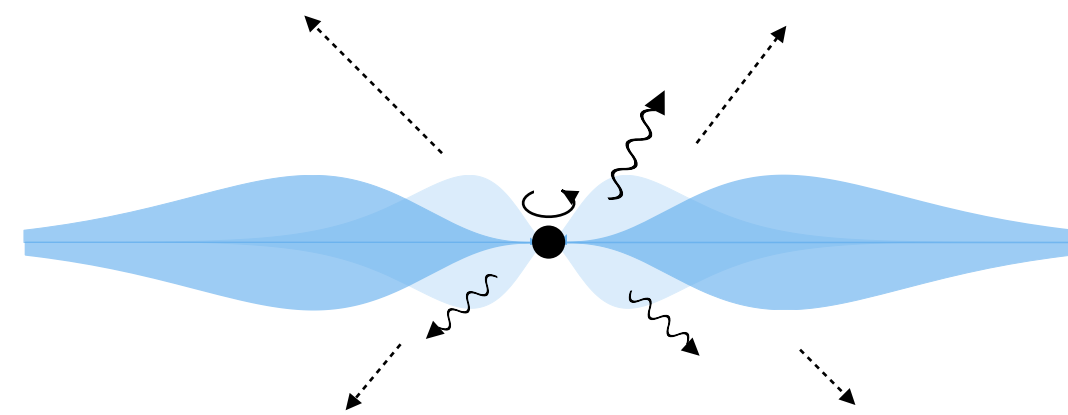
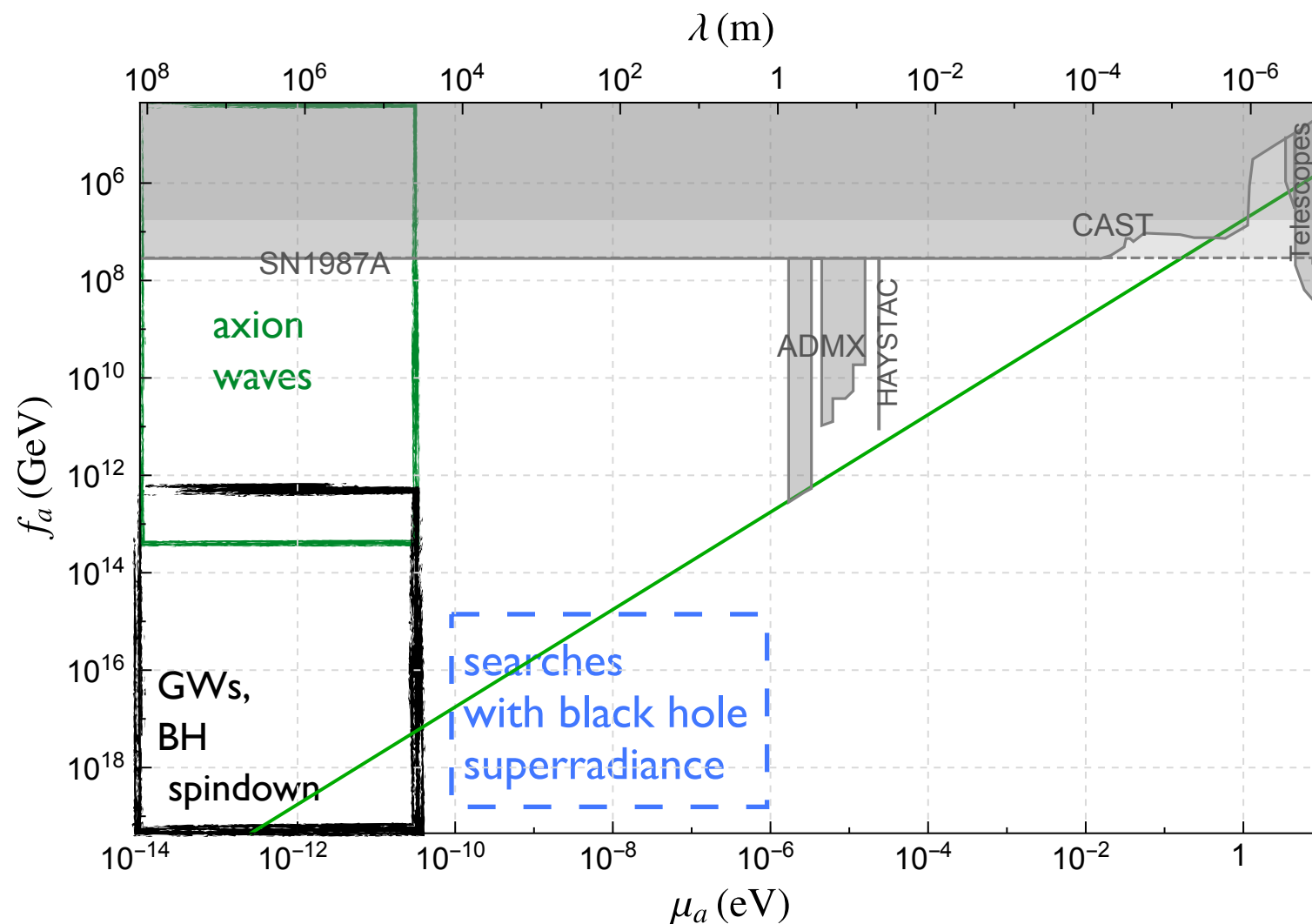
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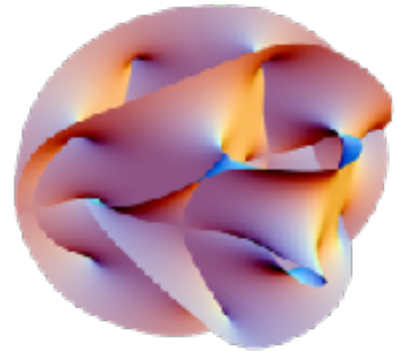
Questions ?

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Theory

The QCD axion in string theory



- 4D axions appear as zero modes of gauge fields compactified in extra dimensions
- Nonperturbative gravity effects generate a mass, exponentially suppressed:

$$\mu^4 e^{-S} \left(1 - \cos \left(\frac{\phi}{f} \right) \right)$$

- Requiring string theory to produce the QCD axion puts an upper bound on the size of these corrections

$$\mu^4 e^{-S} \ll \Lambda^4$$

- Complex string compactifications produce multiplicity of light string axions

Kalosh, Linde, Linde, Susskind [9502069]

Svrcek, Witten [0605206]

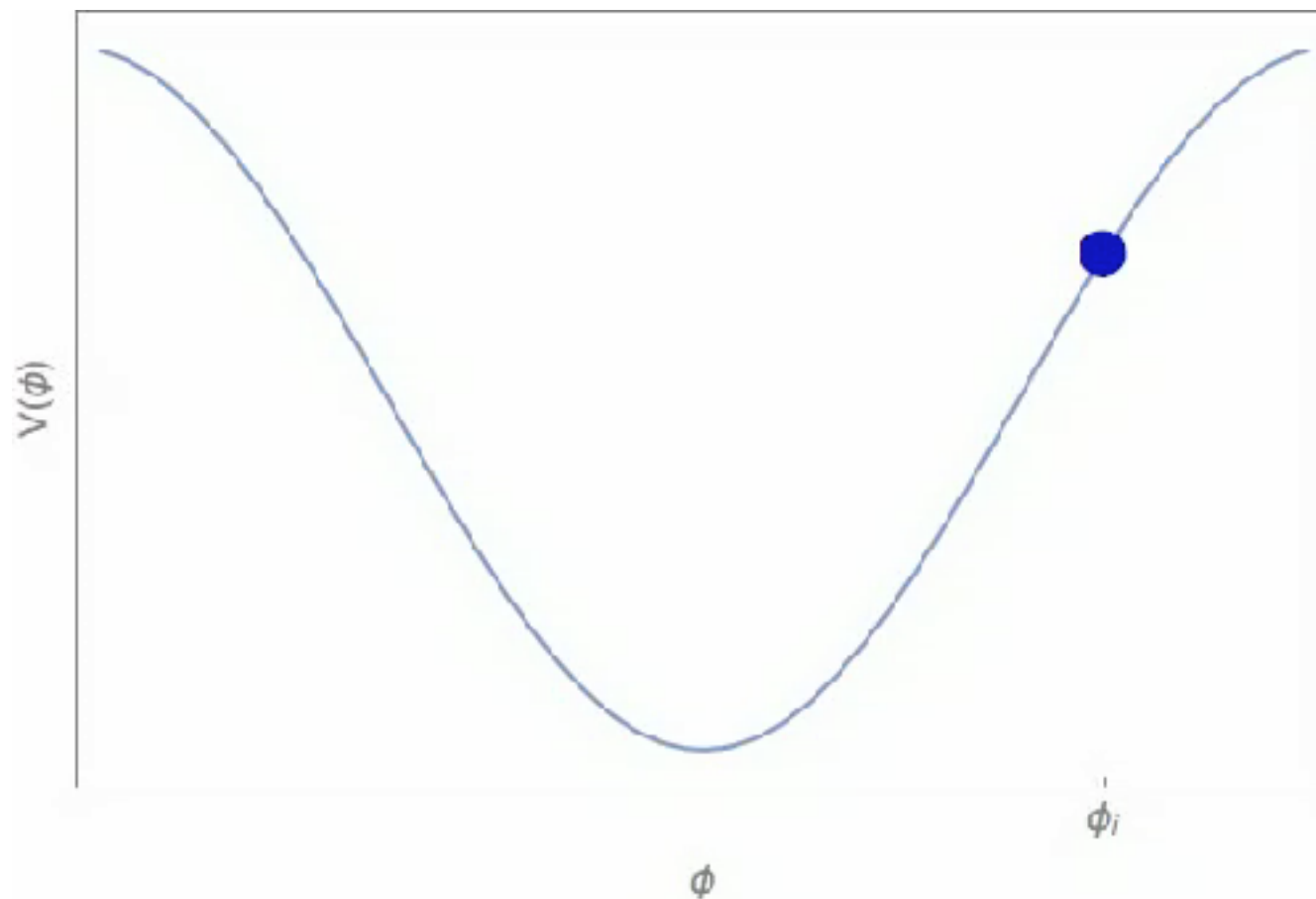
Arvanitaki, Dimopoulos, Dubovsky, Kaloper, March-Russell [0905.4720]⁴⁵

Axion dark matter

- Cosmological evolution analogous to damped harmonic oscillator with frequency given by the mass and damping by Hubble friction:

$$\ddot{a} + 3H\dot{a} + m^2 a = 0$$

- Early on, $H \gg m$: frozen by Hubble friction
- When $H < m$: begins to oscillate; energy density dilutes as nonrelativistic matter



Predict DM density as a function of m, f :

$$\frac{\rho_a}{\rho_{\text{cdm}}} \sim \left(\frac{m}{\text{eV}}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{f}{10^{11}\text{GeV}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{a_i}{f}\right)^2$$

QCD axion

$$\frac{\rho_{a,\text{QCD}}}{\rho_{\text{cdm}}} \sim \left(\frac{f}{\text{few} \times 10^{11}\text{GeV}}\right)^{7/6} \left(\frac{a_i}{f}\right)^2$$

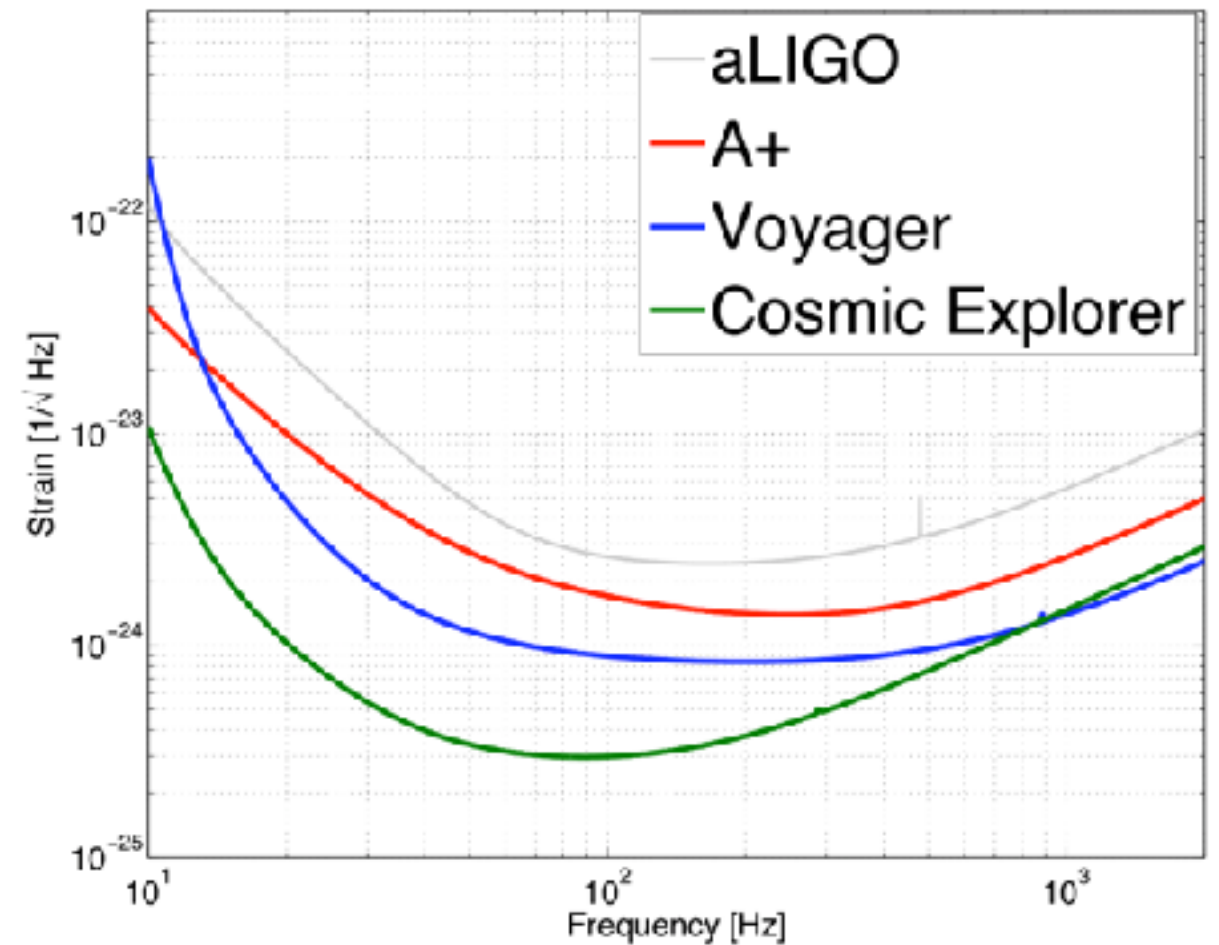
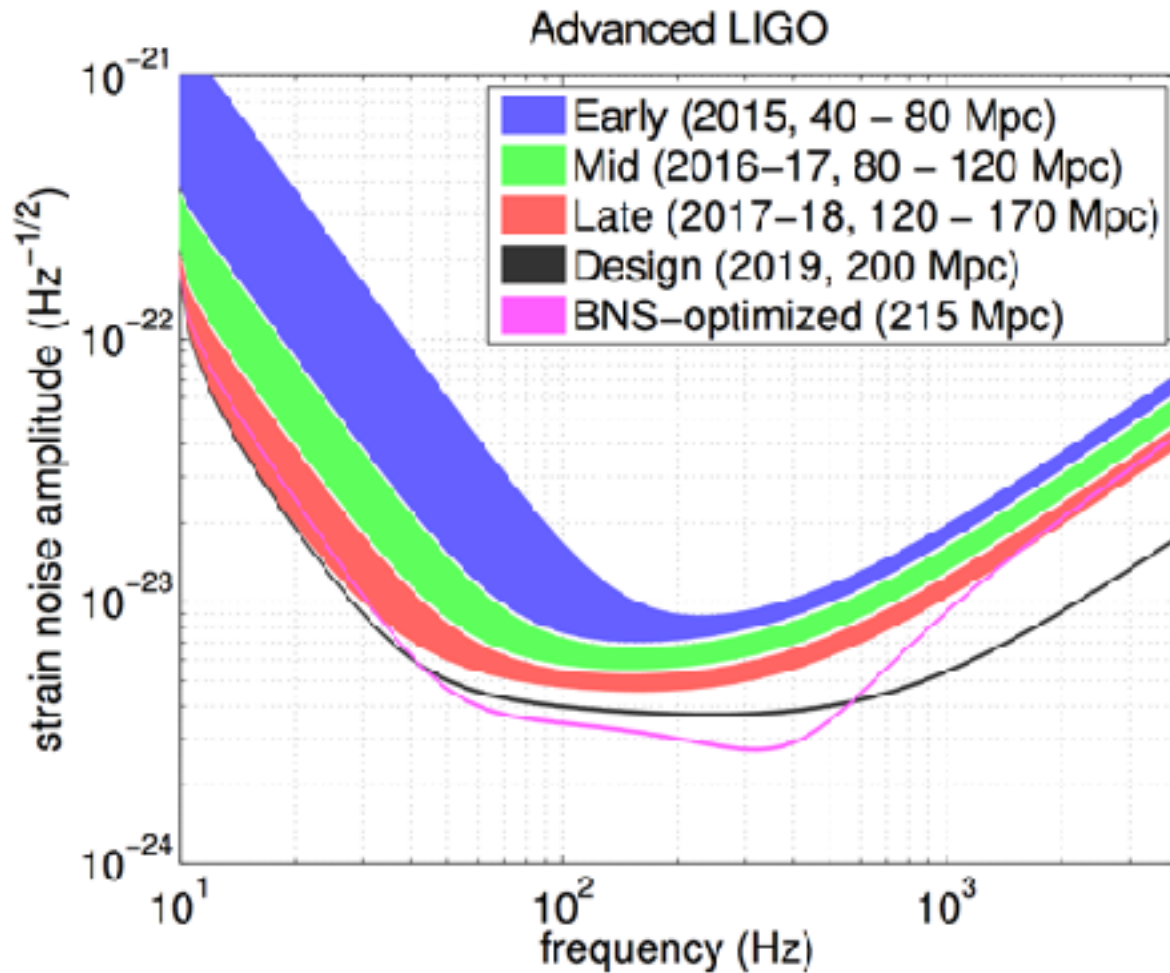
Preskill, Wise, Wilczek (1983)

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Gravitational Wave signatures

Gravitational Wave Signals

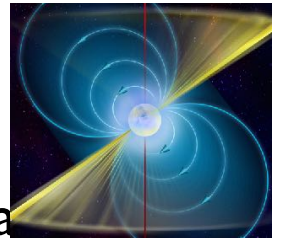
Advanced LIGO sensitivity



- Fits into searches for long, continuous, monochromatic gravitational waves
- Currently looking for “mountains” on neutron stars



Continuous Wave Searches



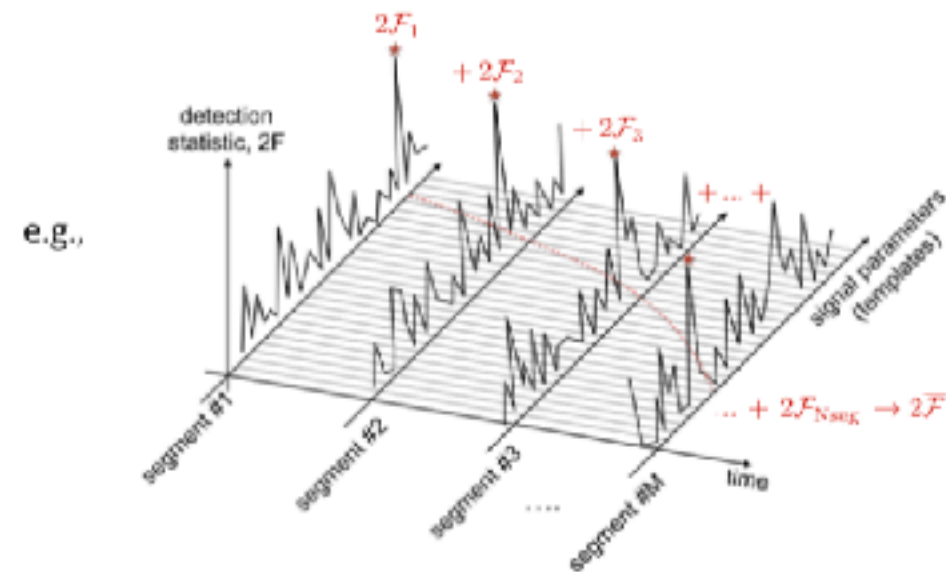
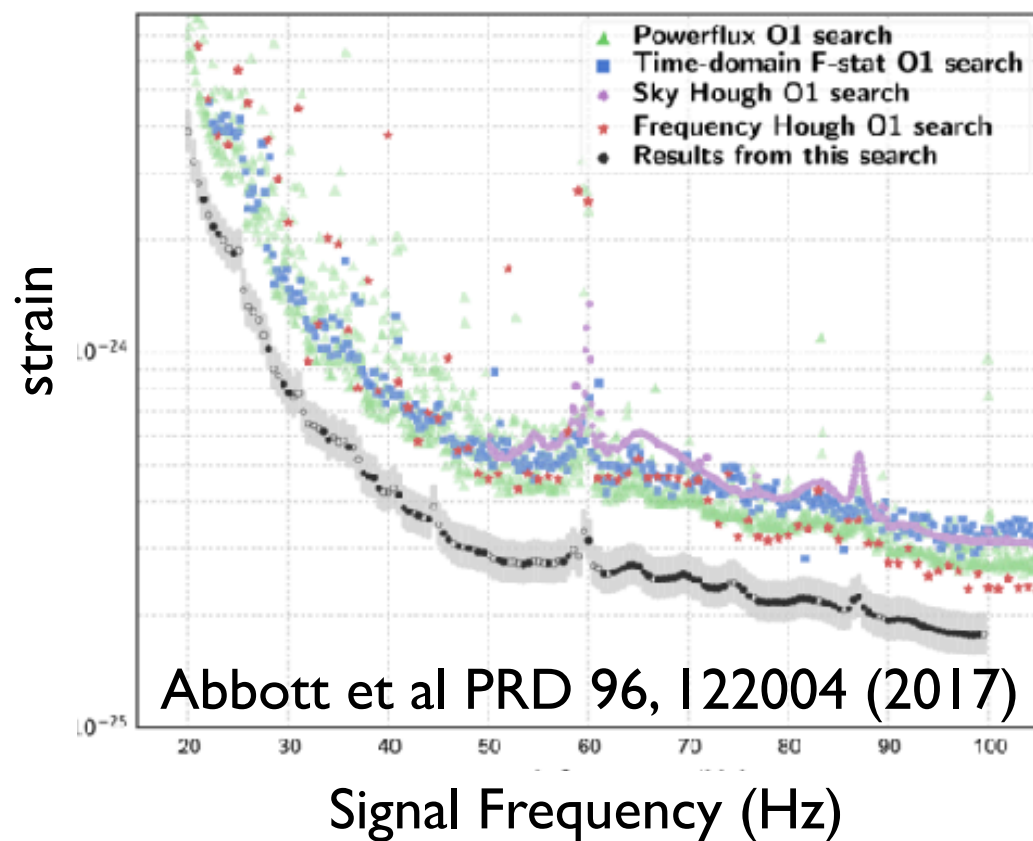
Current searches for gravitational waves from asymmetric rotating neutron stars

- Weak signals require long coherent integration time

coherent: T_{coh} sensitivity $\sim T_{\text{coh}}^{1/2}$

semicoherent: T_{coh} T_{coh} T_{coh} T_{coh} T_{coh} sensitivity $\sim T_{\text{coh}}^{1/2} N_{\text{seg}}^{1/4}$

All-Sky O1 Upper Limits



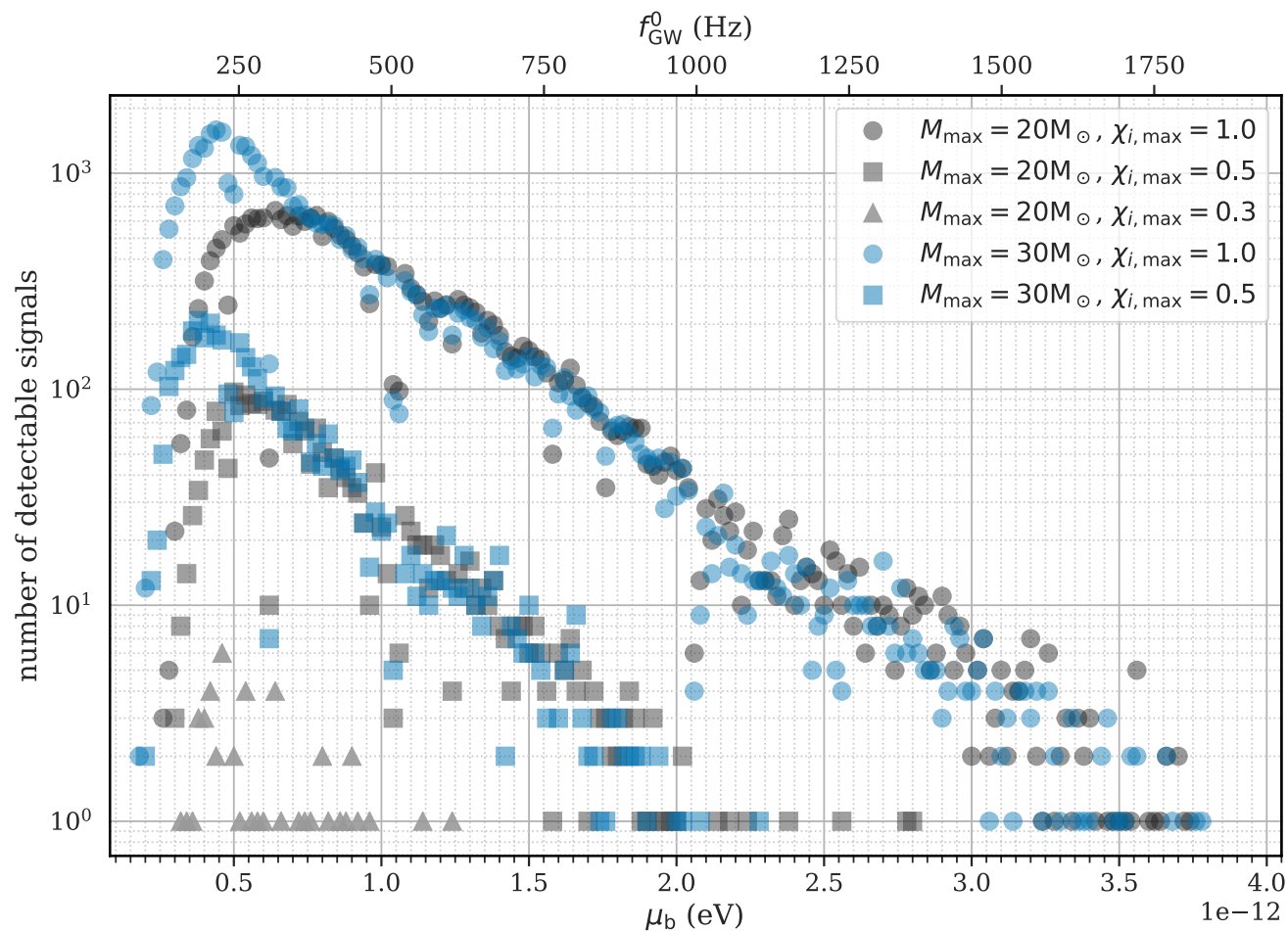
Sylvia Zhu, 2019

all-sky search
minimal assumptions

$$N \sim T_{\text{coh}}^6 \sim 10^{17}$$

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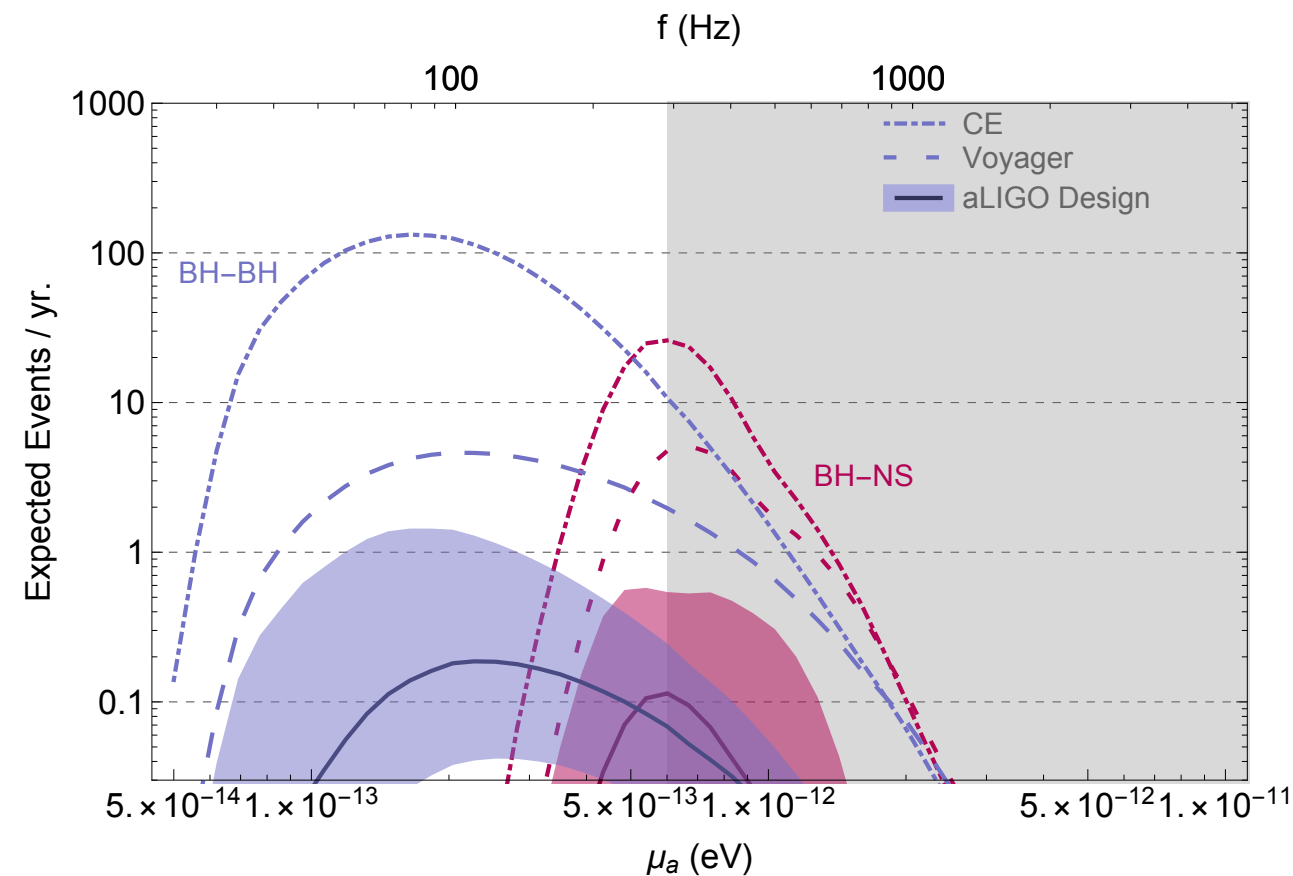
Current searches:



A. Arvanitaki, MB, X. Huang (2015)

- **Weak, long signals** last for \sim million years, visible from our galaxy
- Up to 1000 signals above sensitivity threshold of Advanced LIGO searches today
- Large density of signal per search frequency bin can degrade existing search efficiency

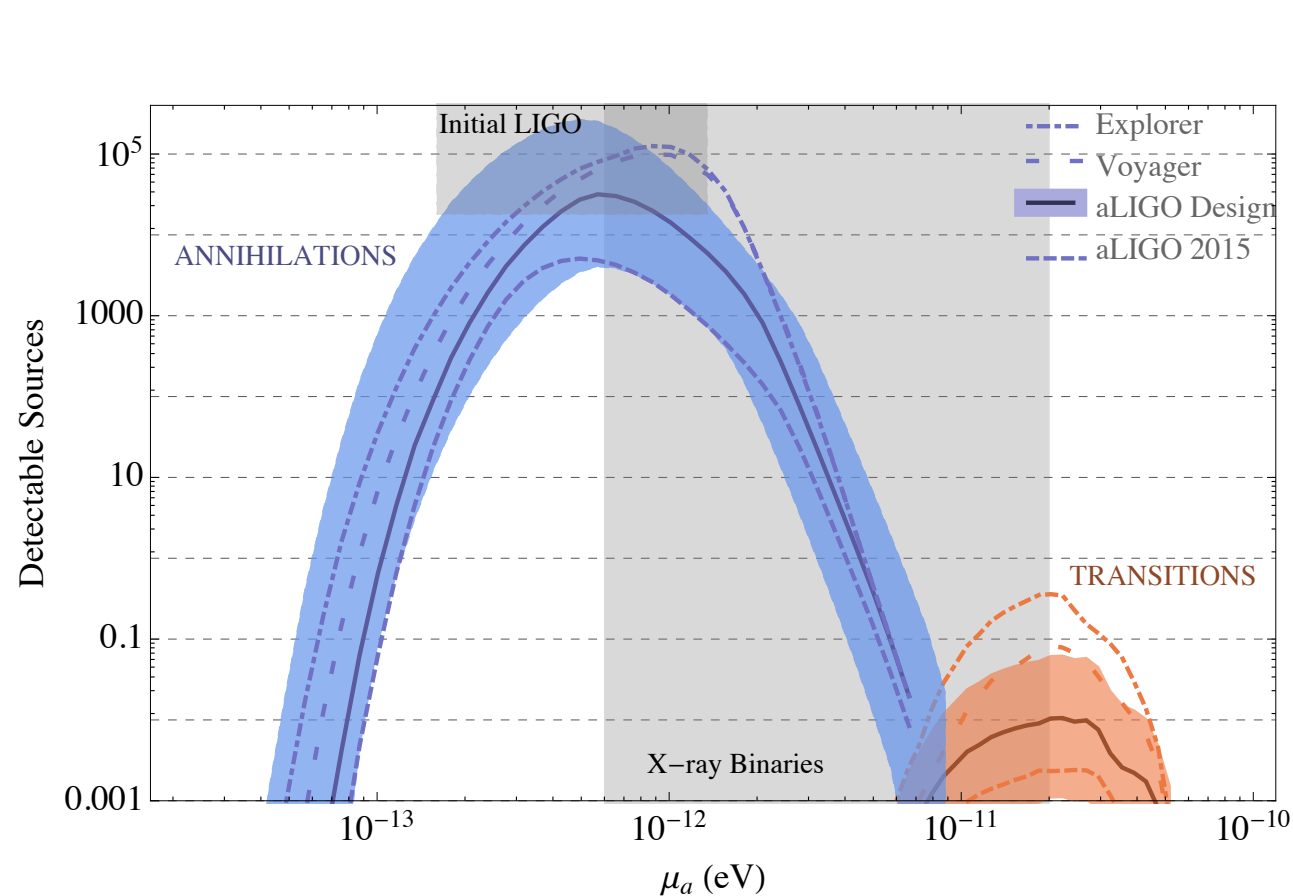
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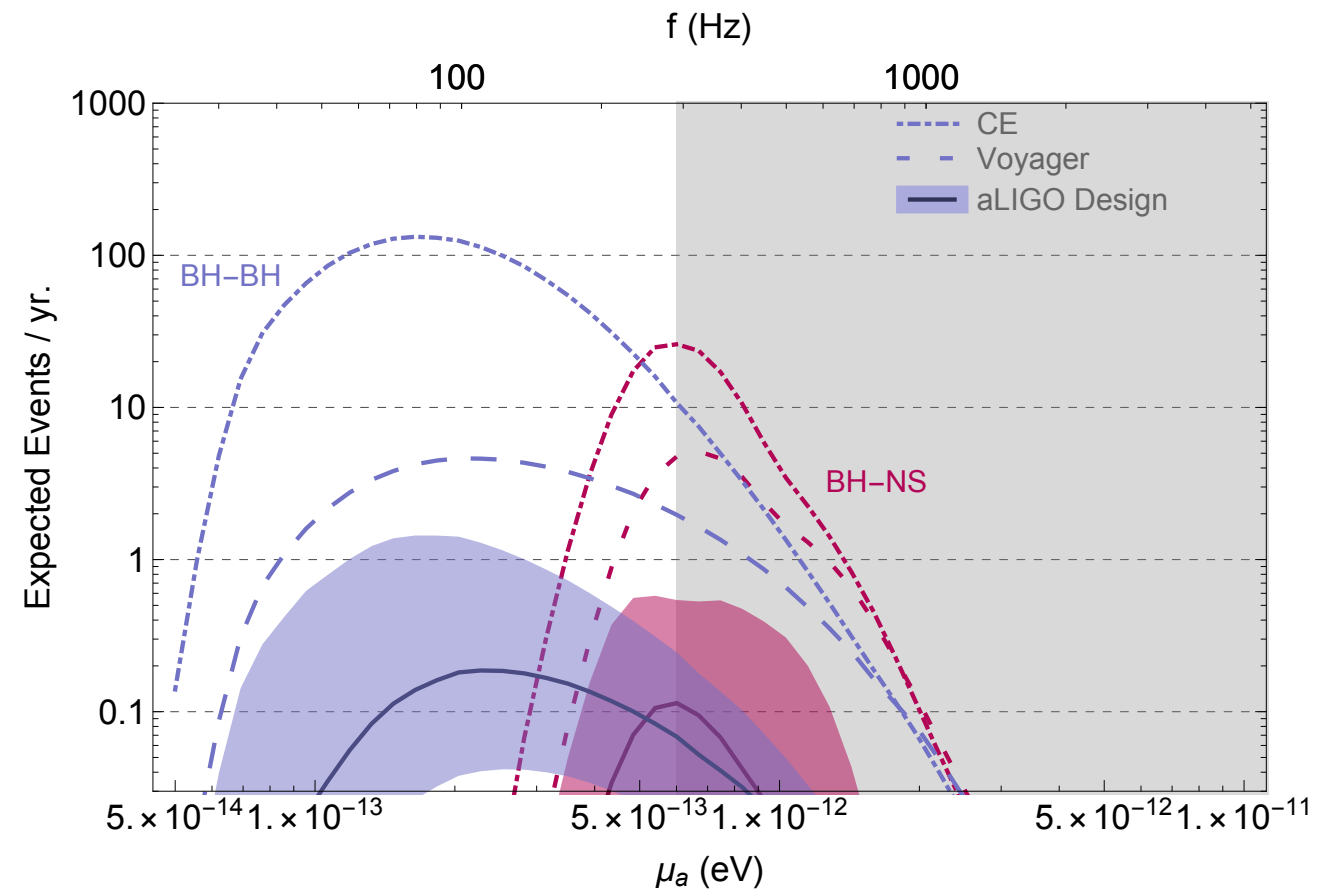
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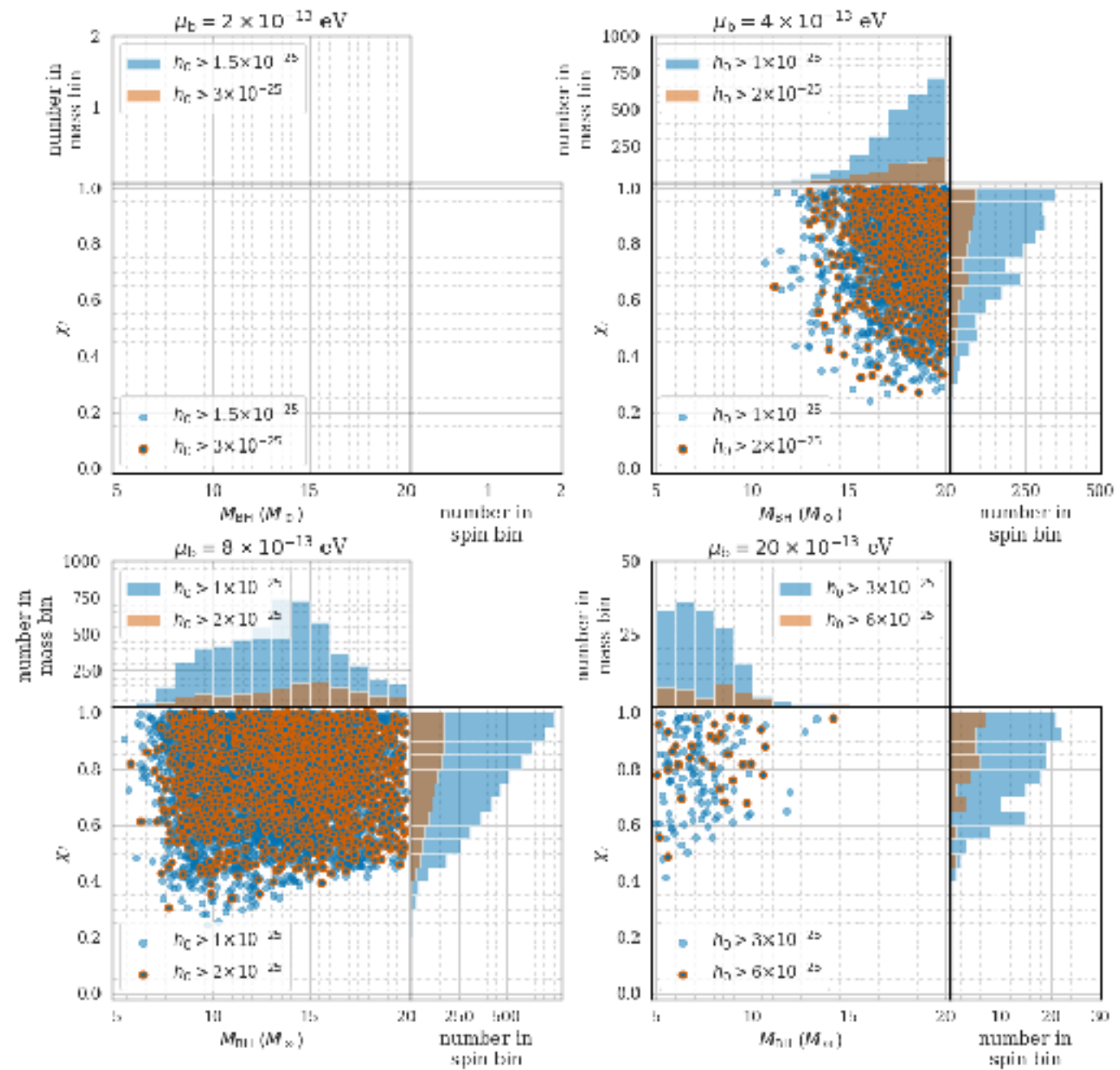
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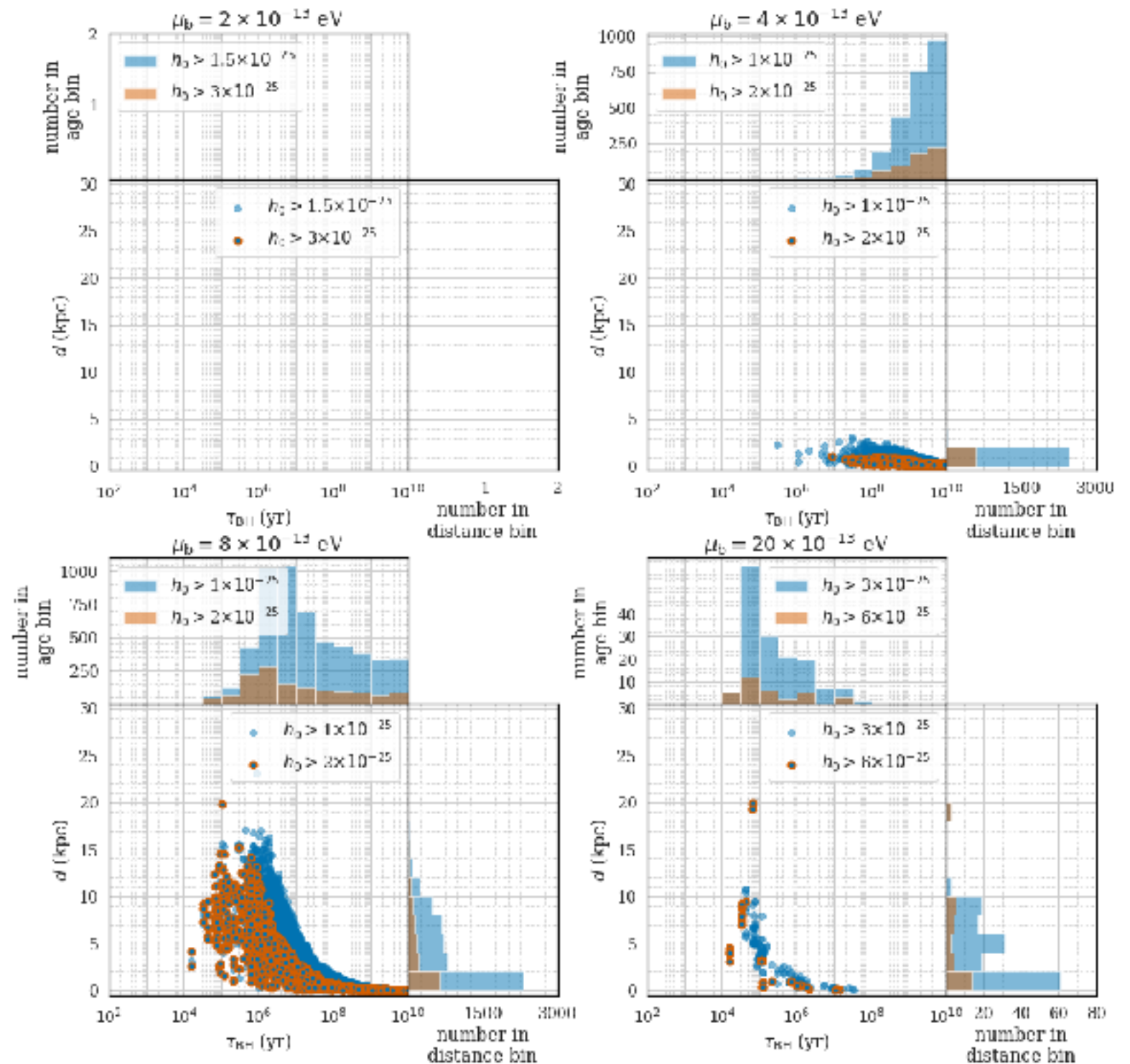
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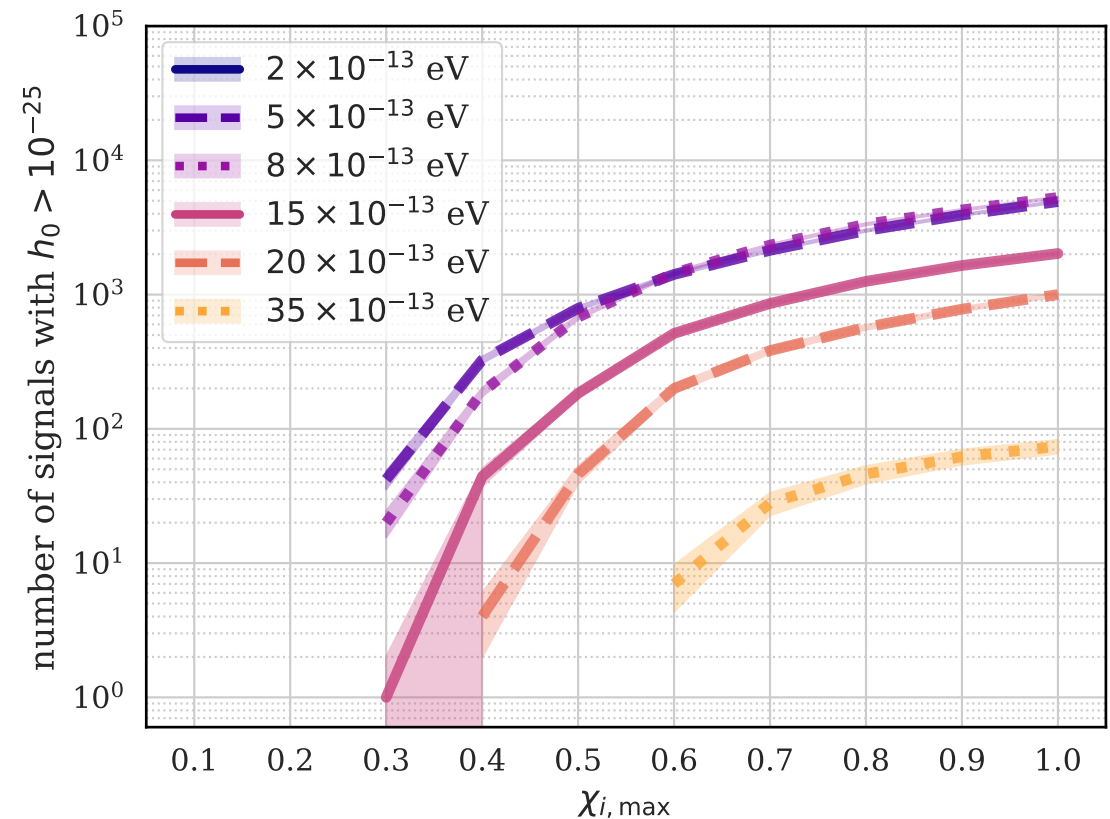
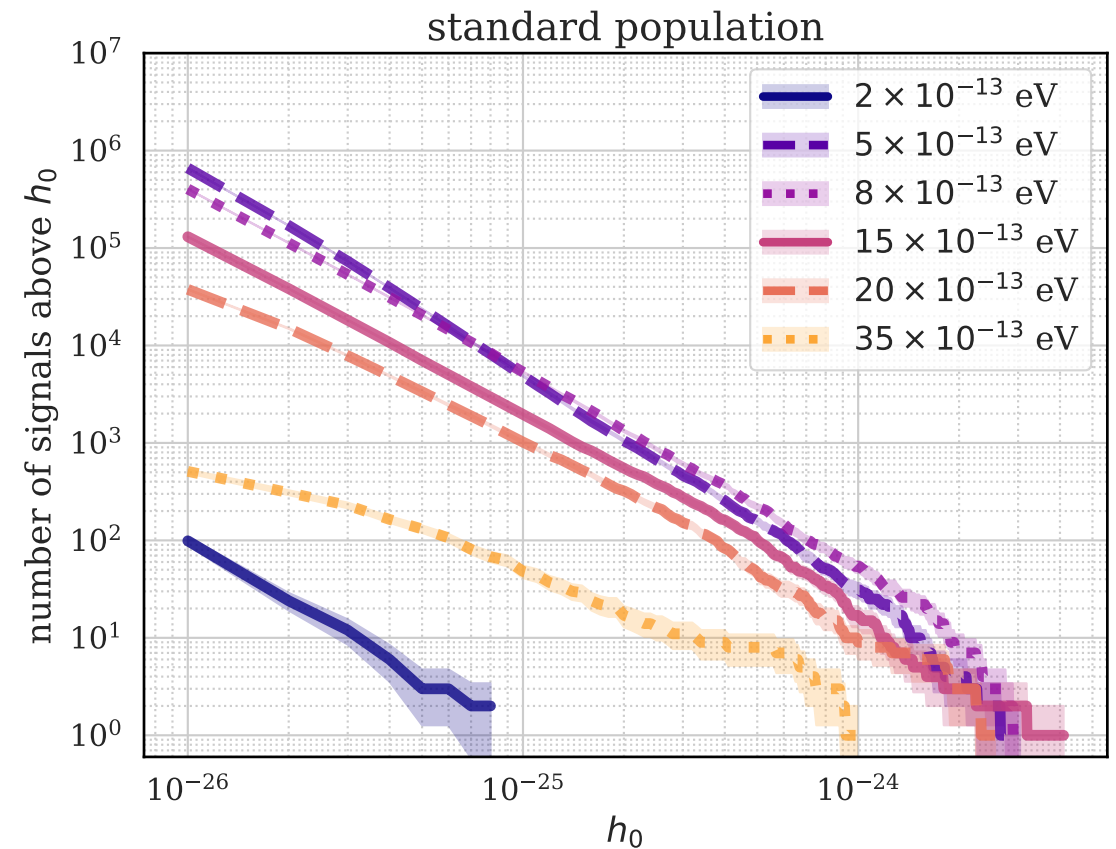
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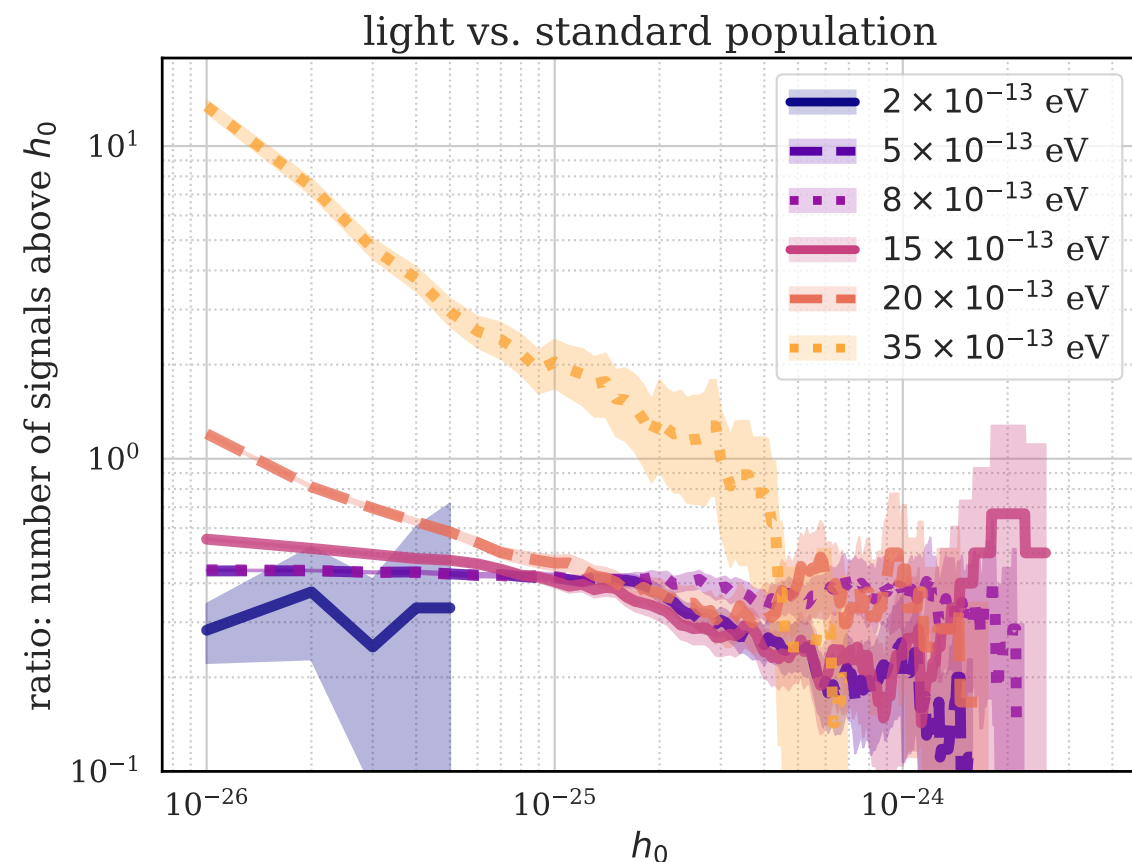
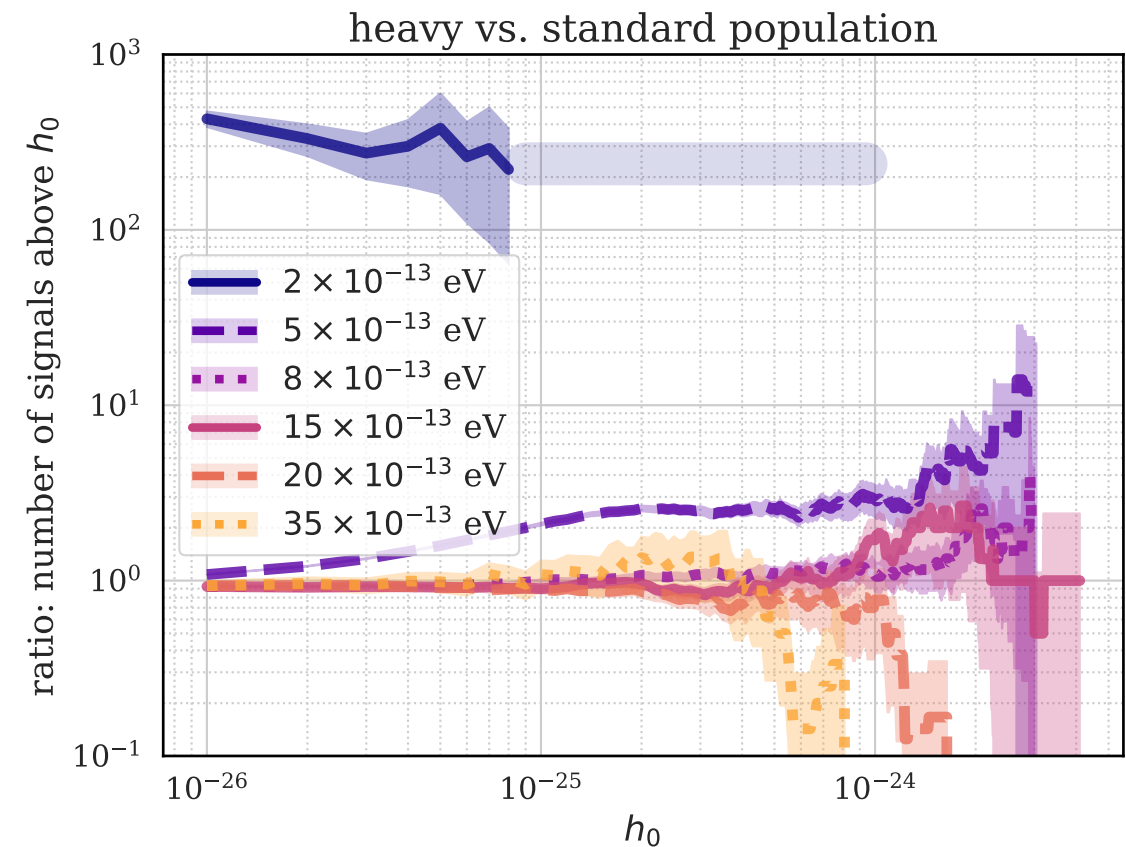
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- Expected signal number decreases with decreasing upper spin

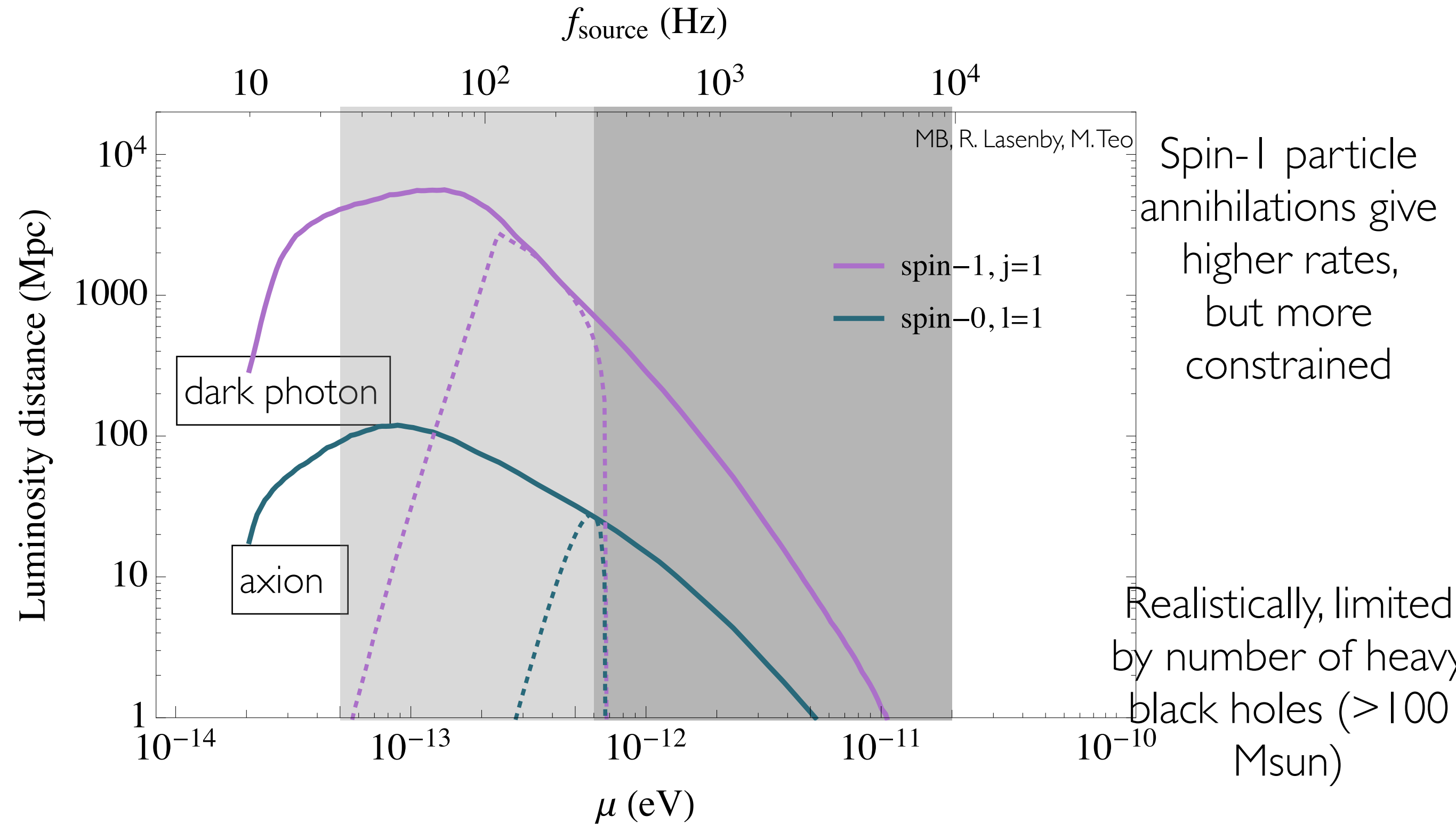
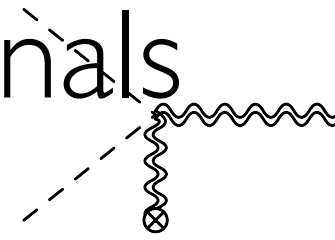


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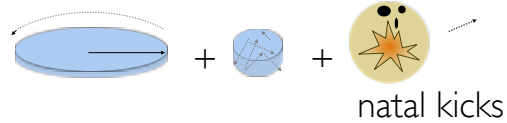
Gravitational Wave Signals: isolated black holes in the Galaxy

galaxy = disk + bulge + halo

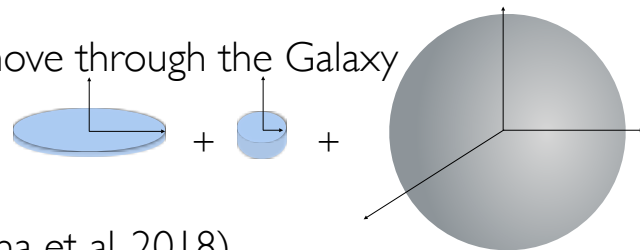
black holes are born:

85% + 15%

with an initial velocity:



and move through the Galaxy



(see D.Tsuna et al. 2018)

mass: power-law distribution

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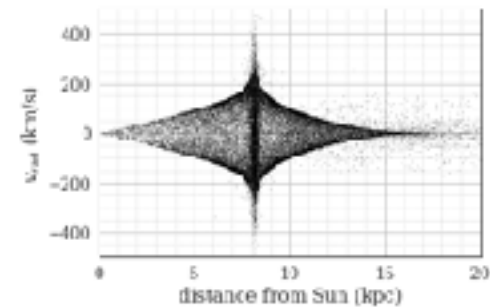
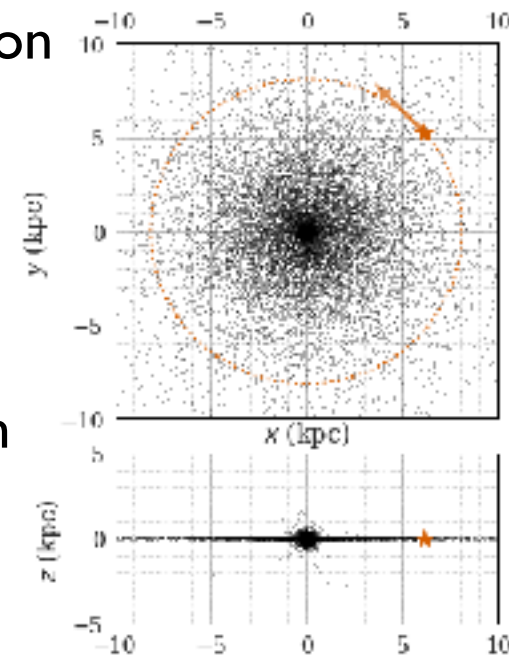
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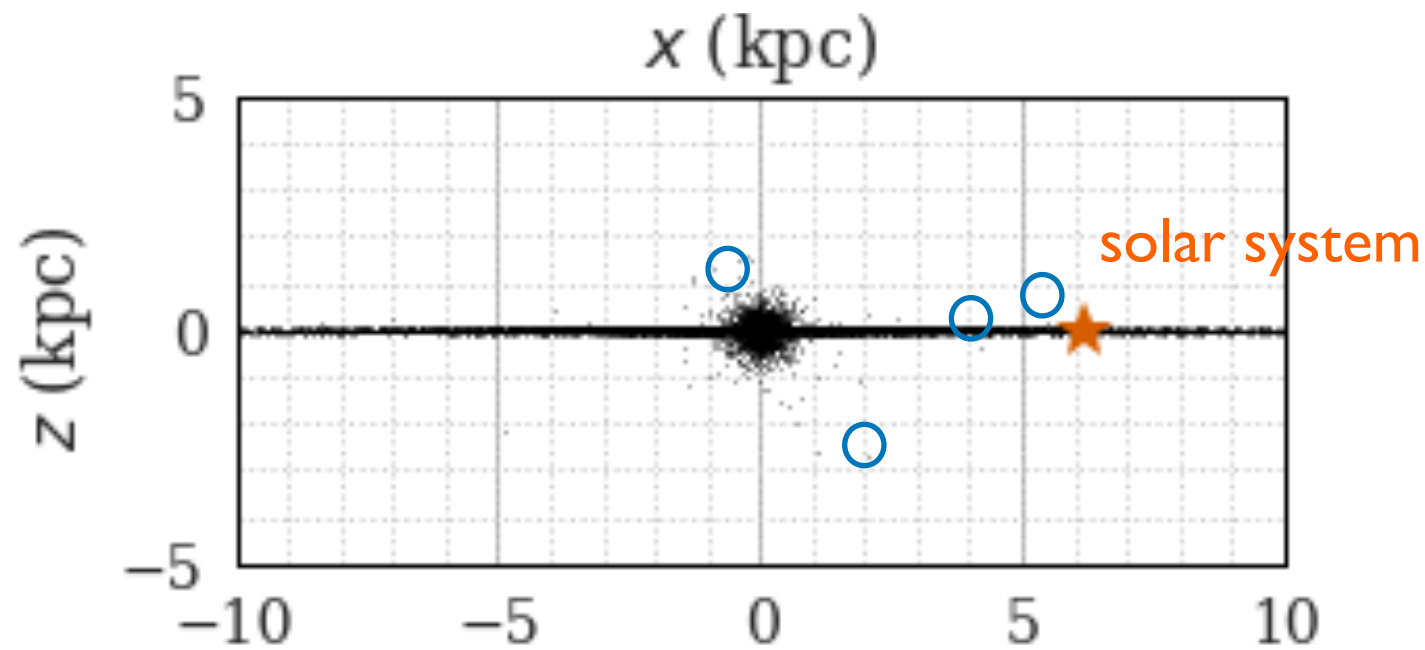


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Population of 10^8 black holes

Gravitational Wave Signals

- Simulated population of 10^8 black holes throughout Milky Way
- Each can potentially grow a cloud of axions and subsequently source gravitational waves



black holes born throughout Milky Way, drawn from spin and mass distributions

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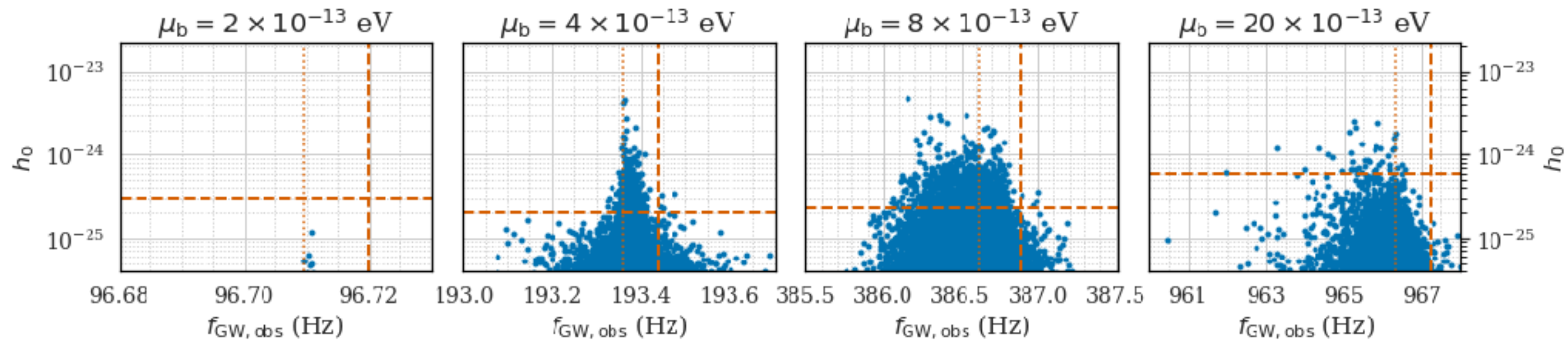
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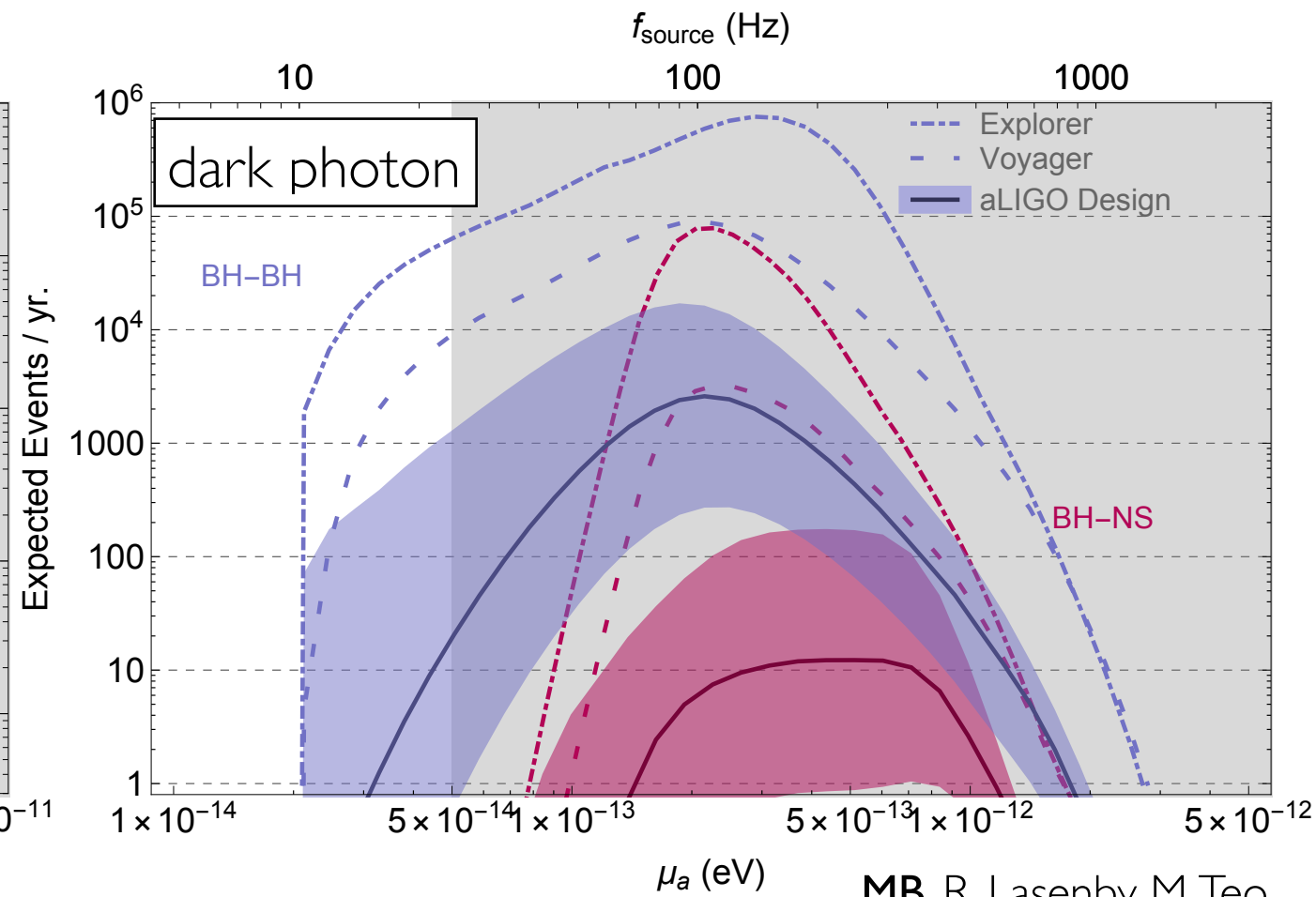
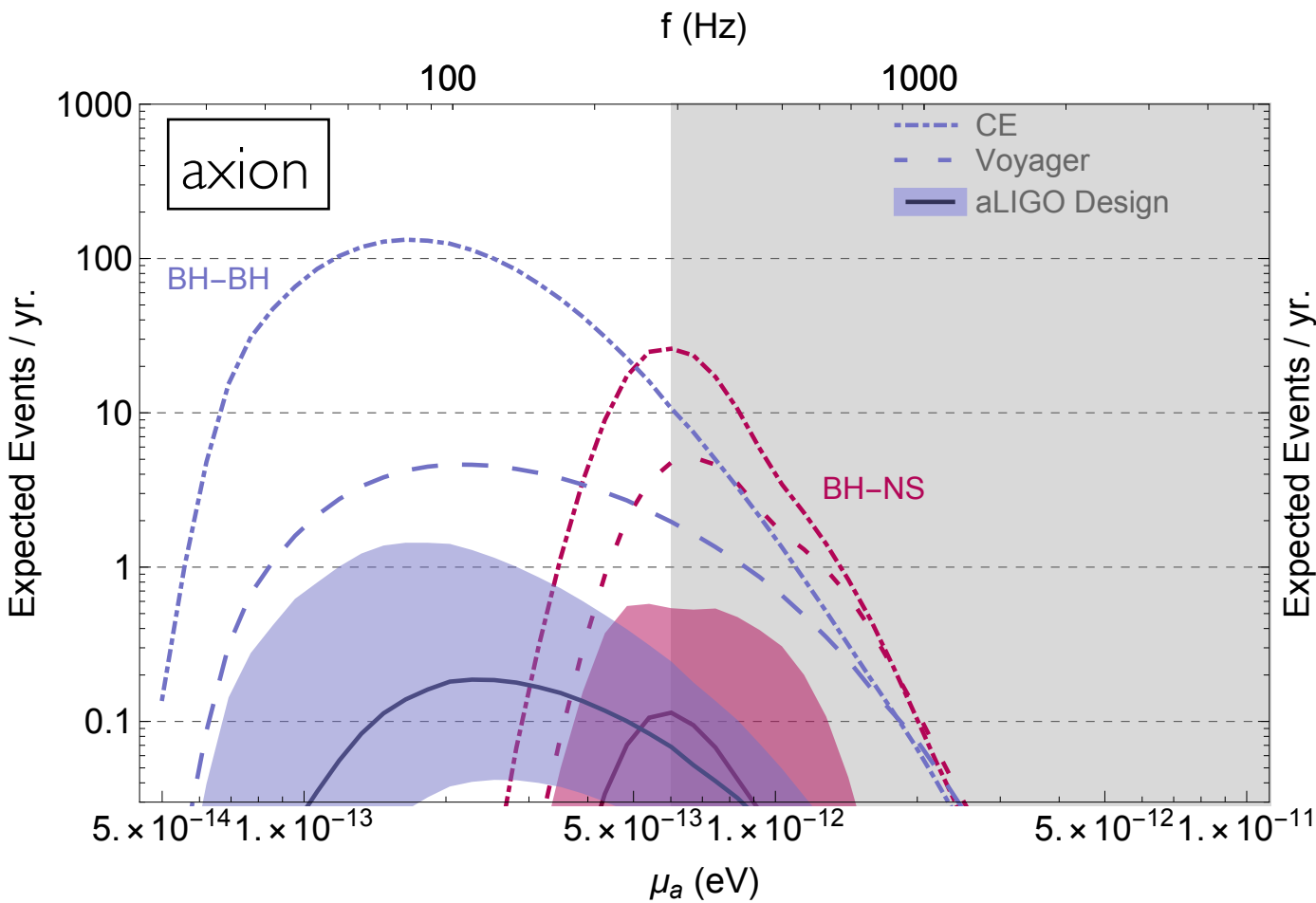
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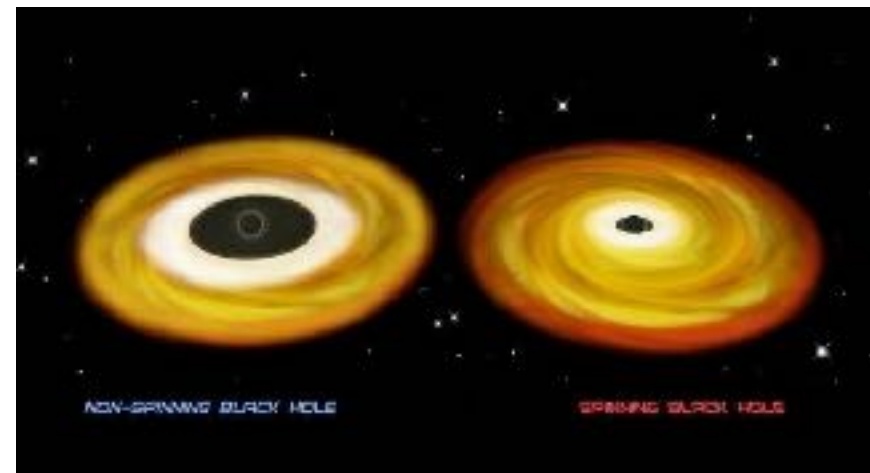
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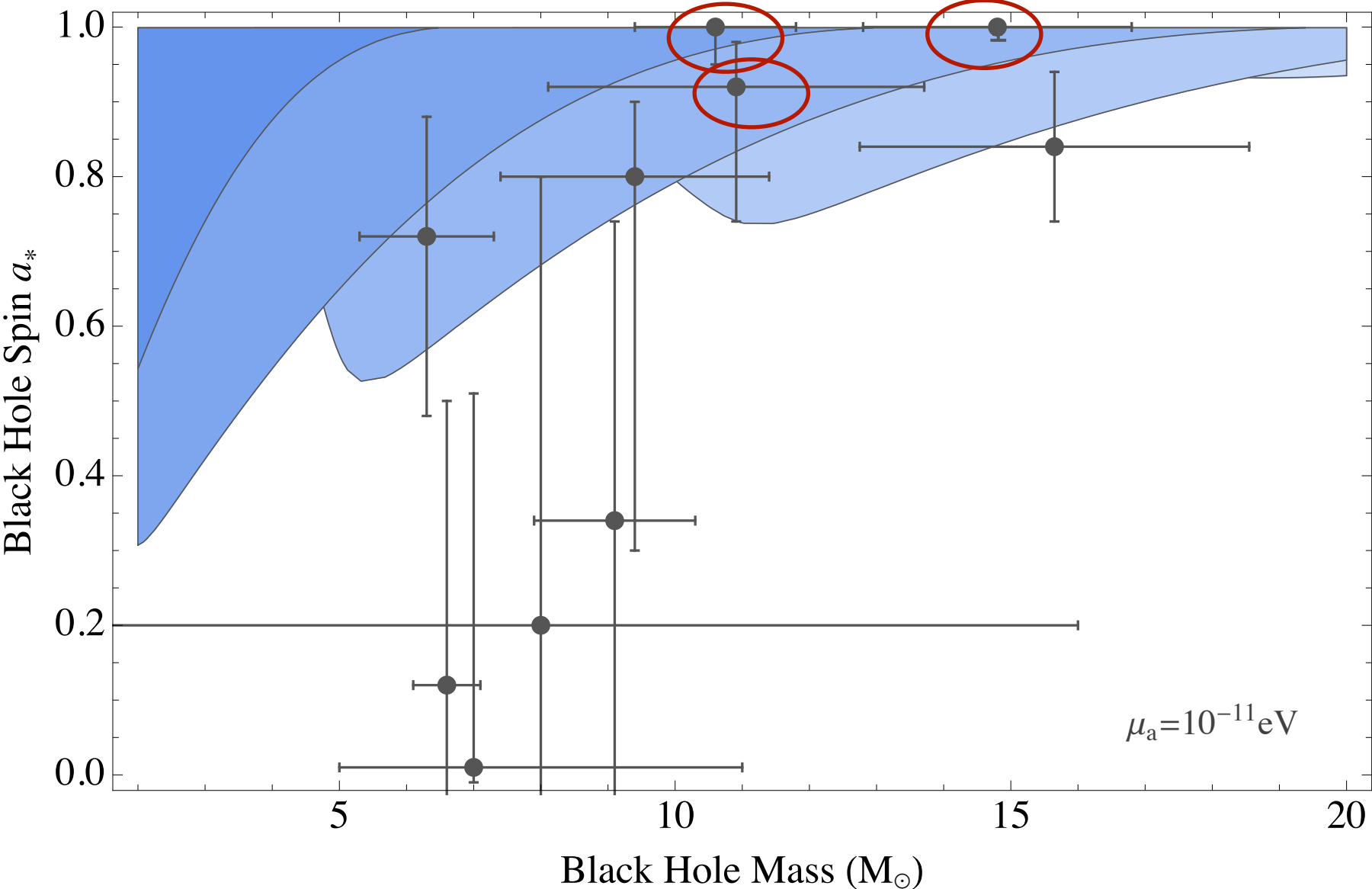
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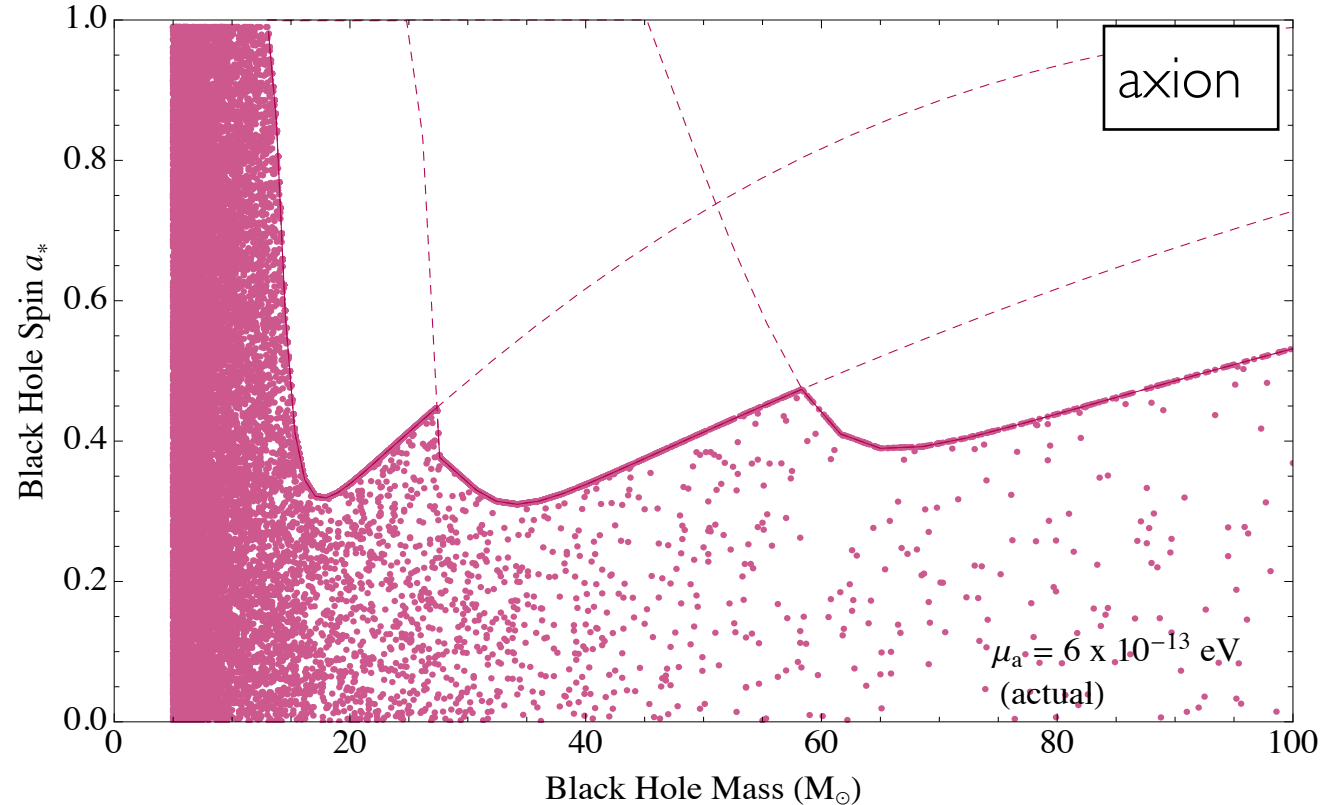
Black hole spins measured in X-ray binaries



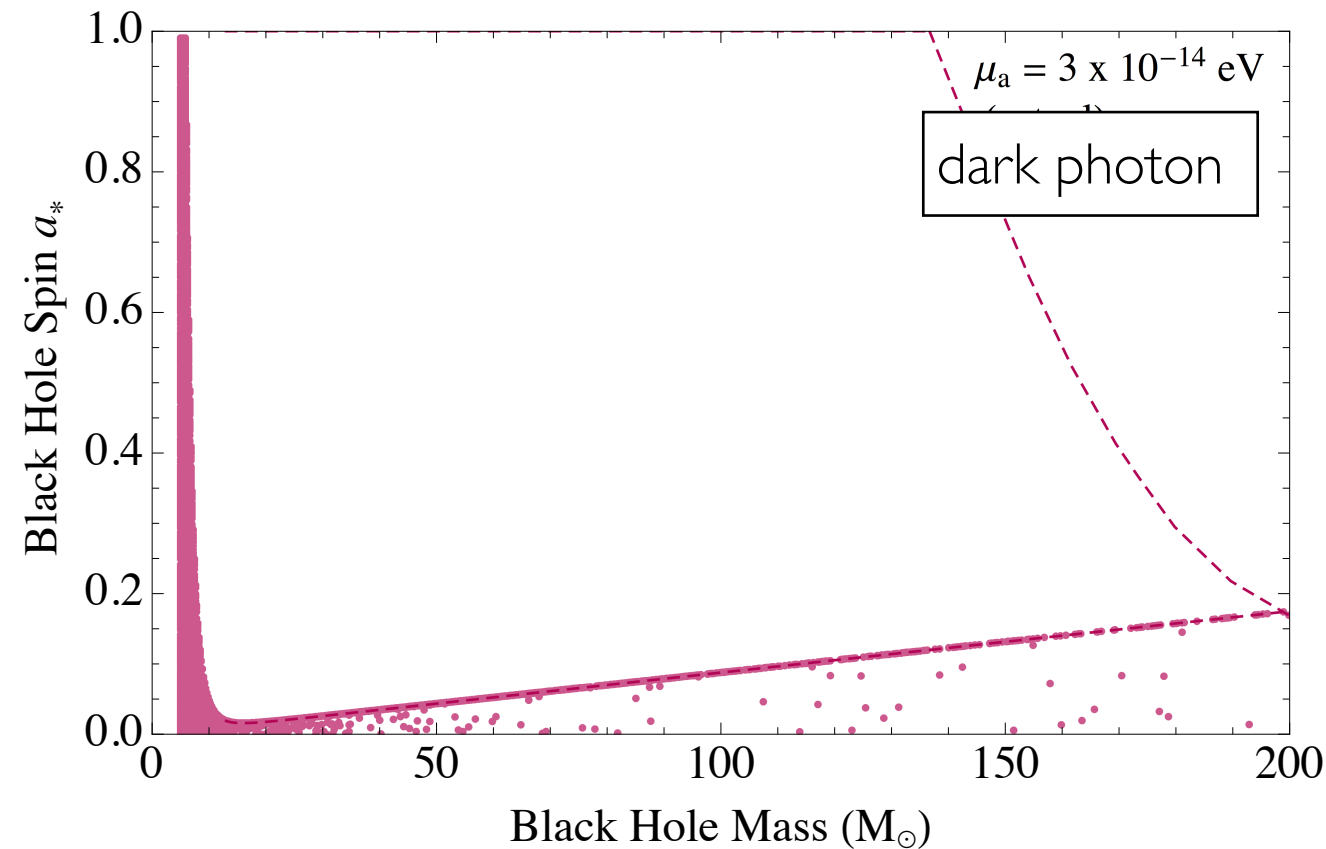
Black Hole Spins at LIGO

If light axion exists, some initial merger BHs would have low spin due to superradiance, limited by age of binary system

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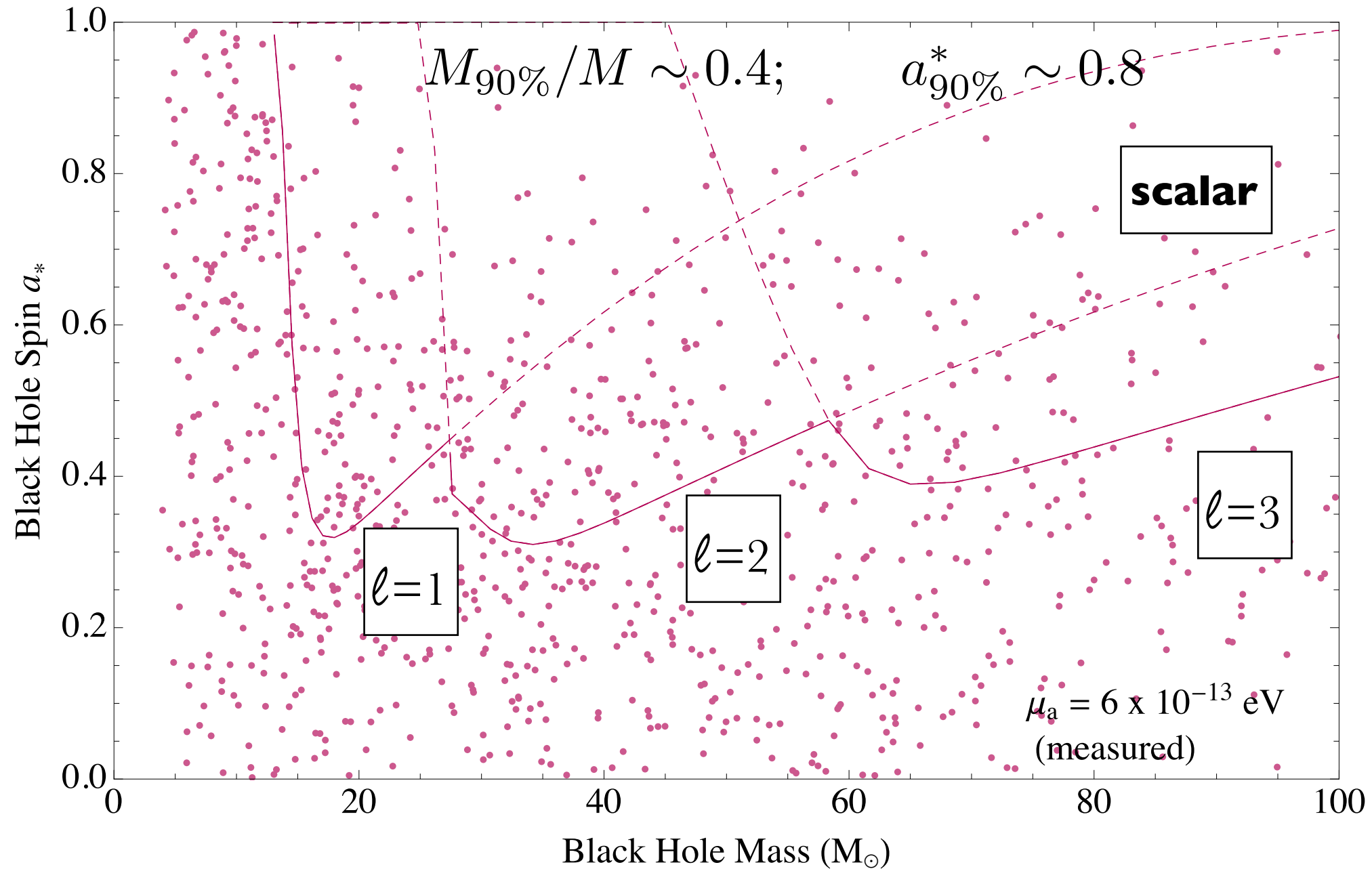
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9-240 BBHs/Gpc³/yr. — 1000s of BHs merging in low-redshift universe

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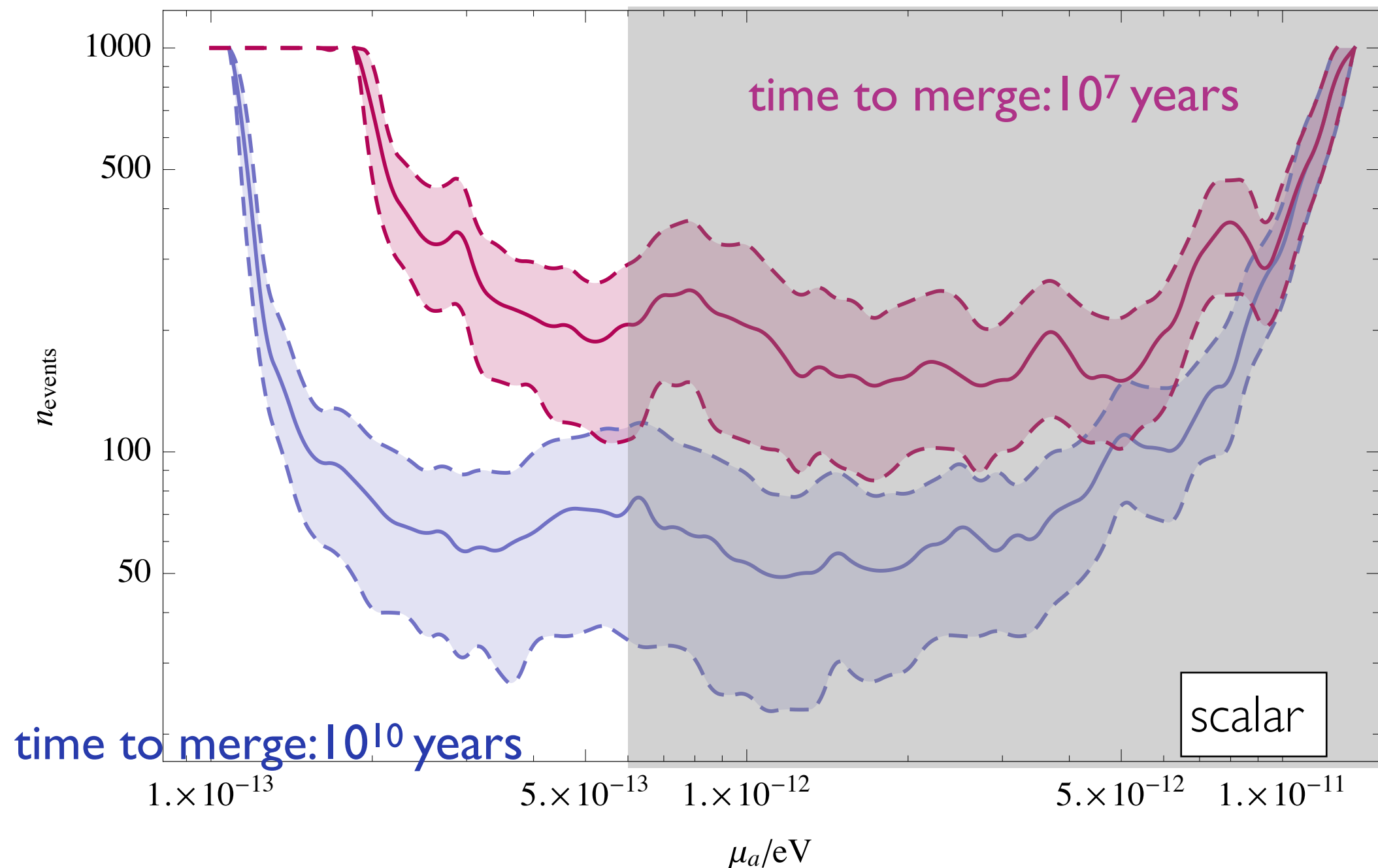


so far:
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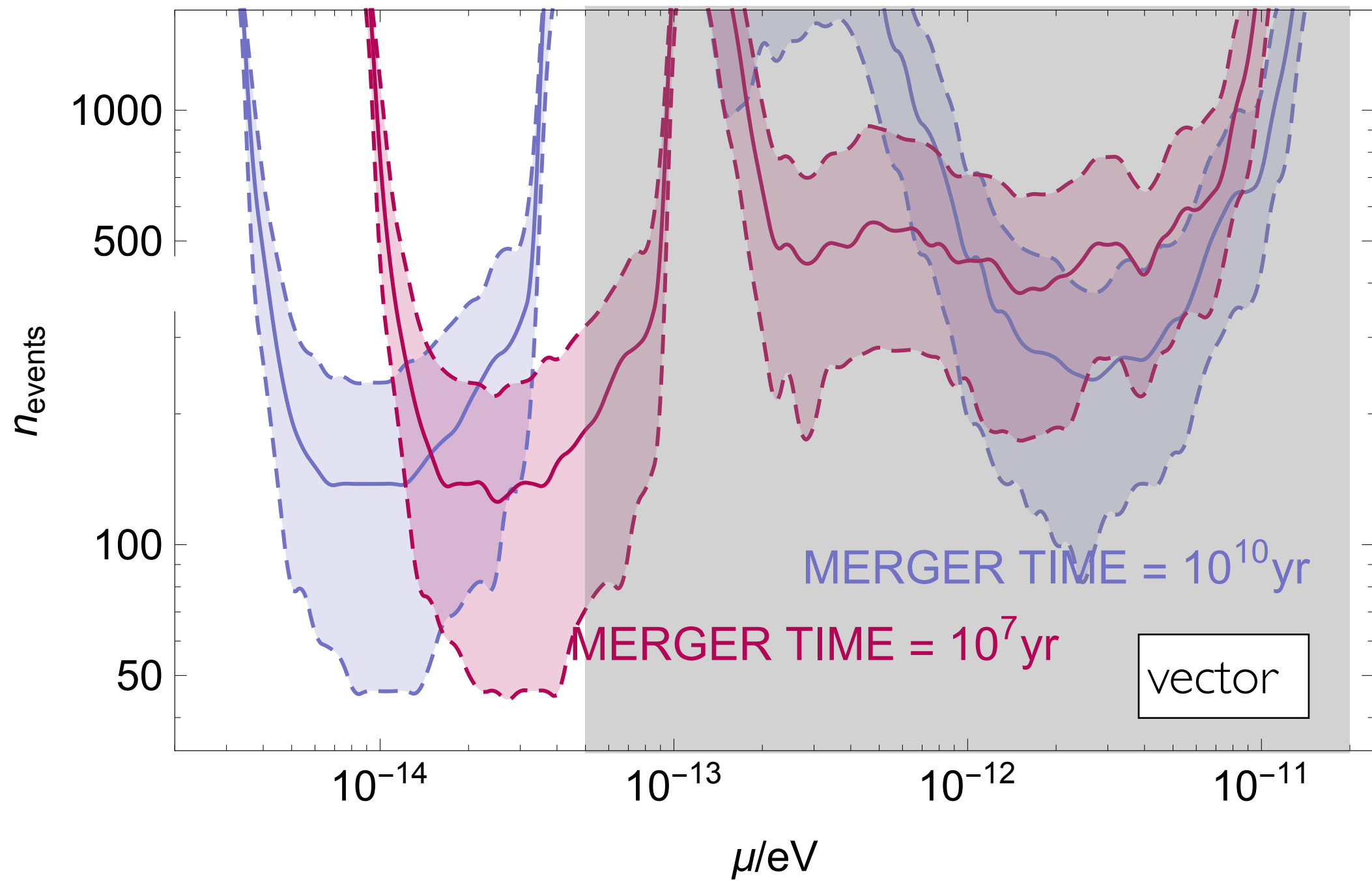
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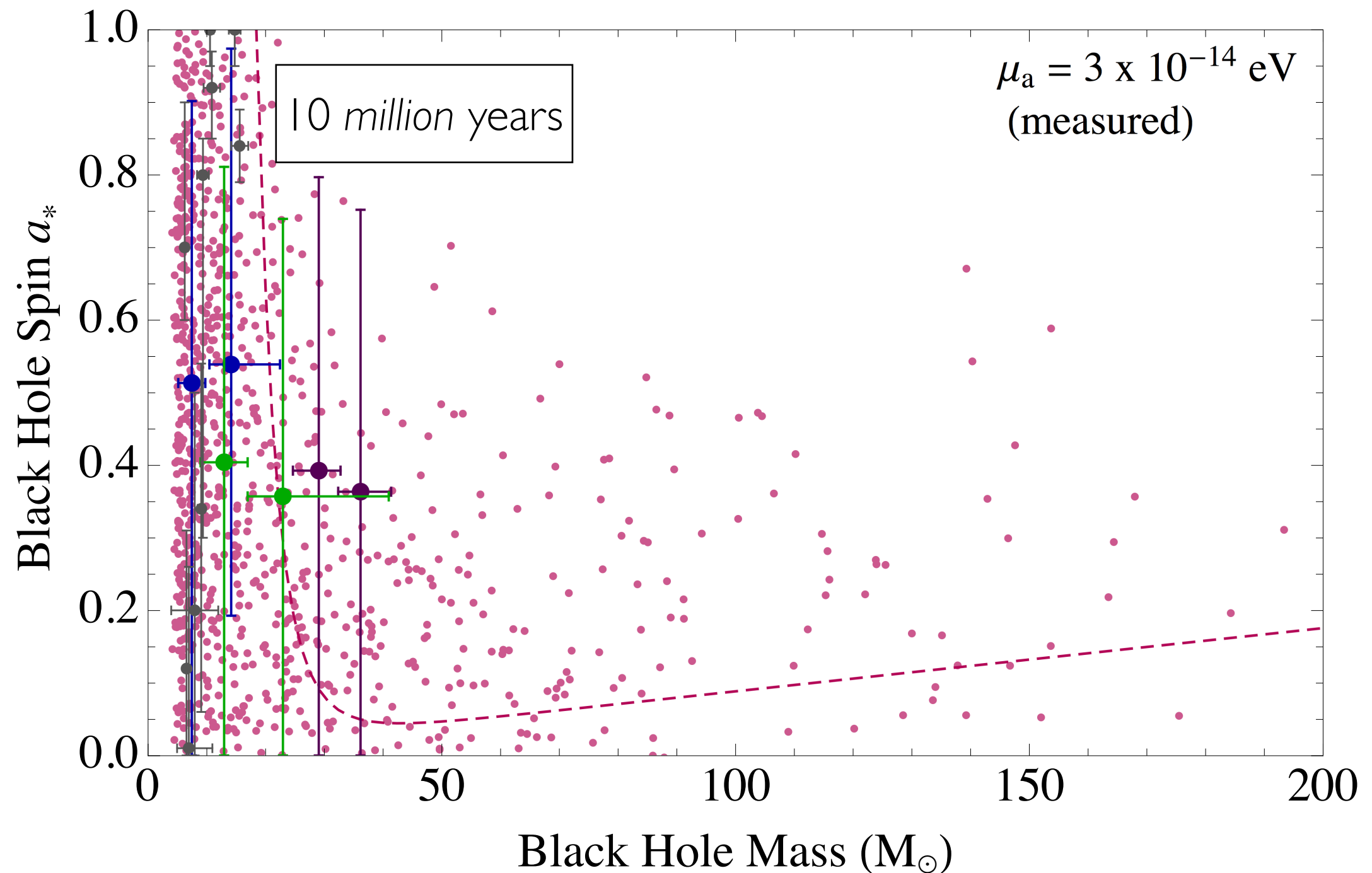
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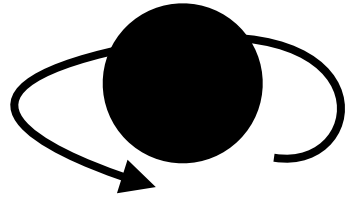
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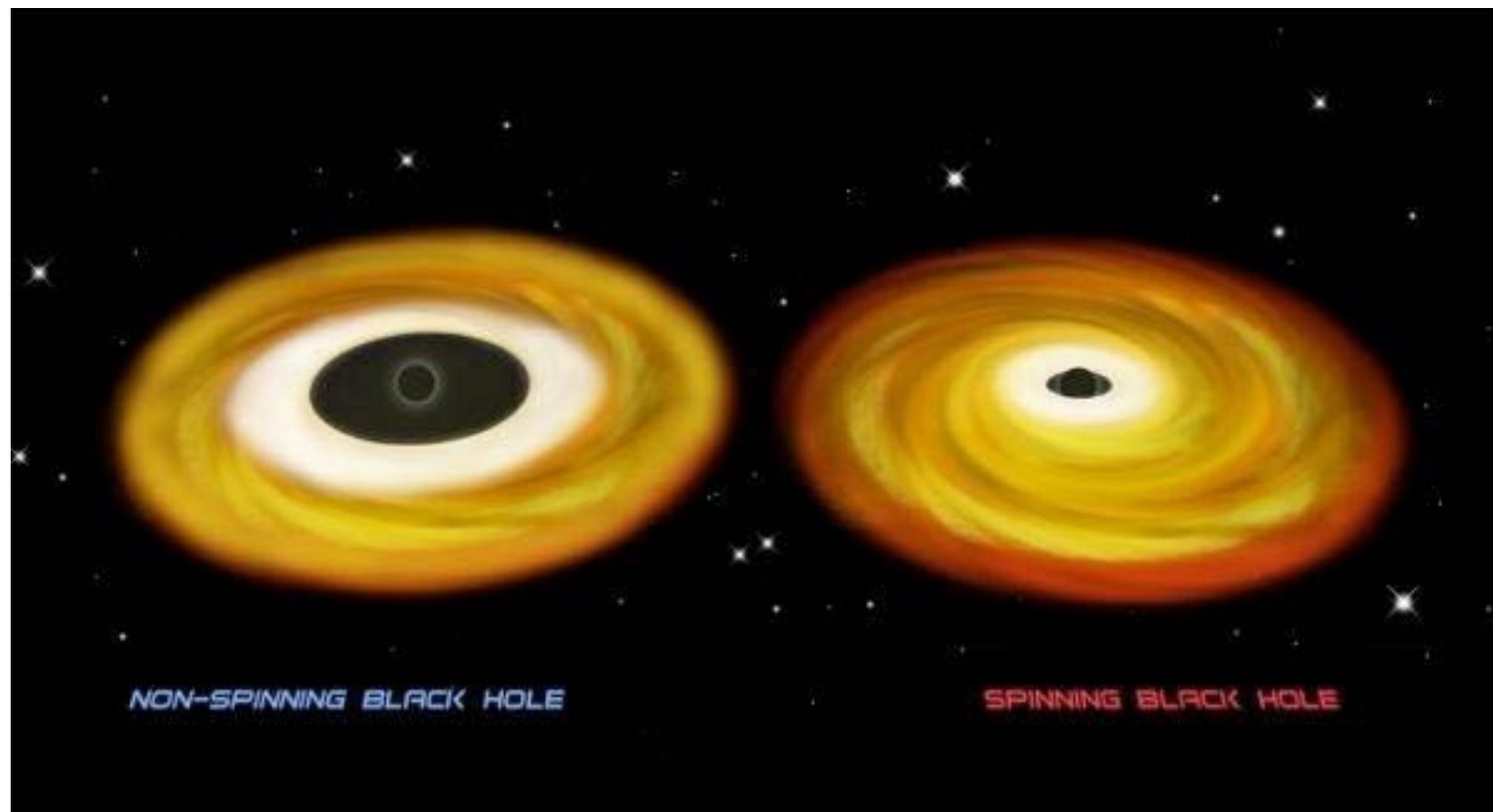
May see spin-down of black holes at LIGO outside of excluded region



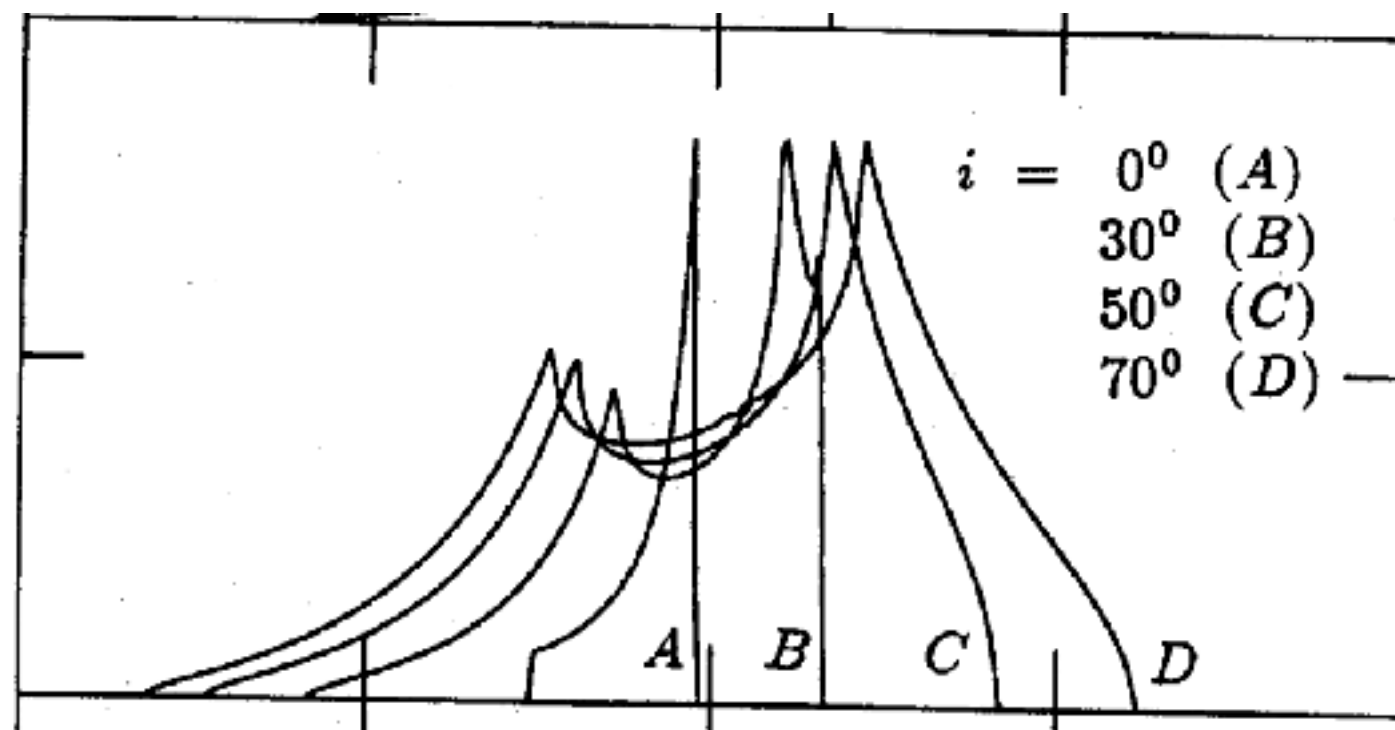
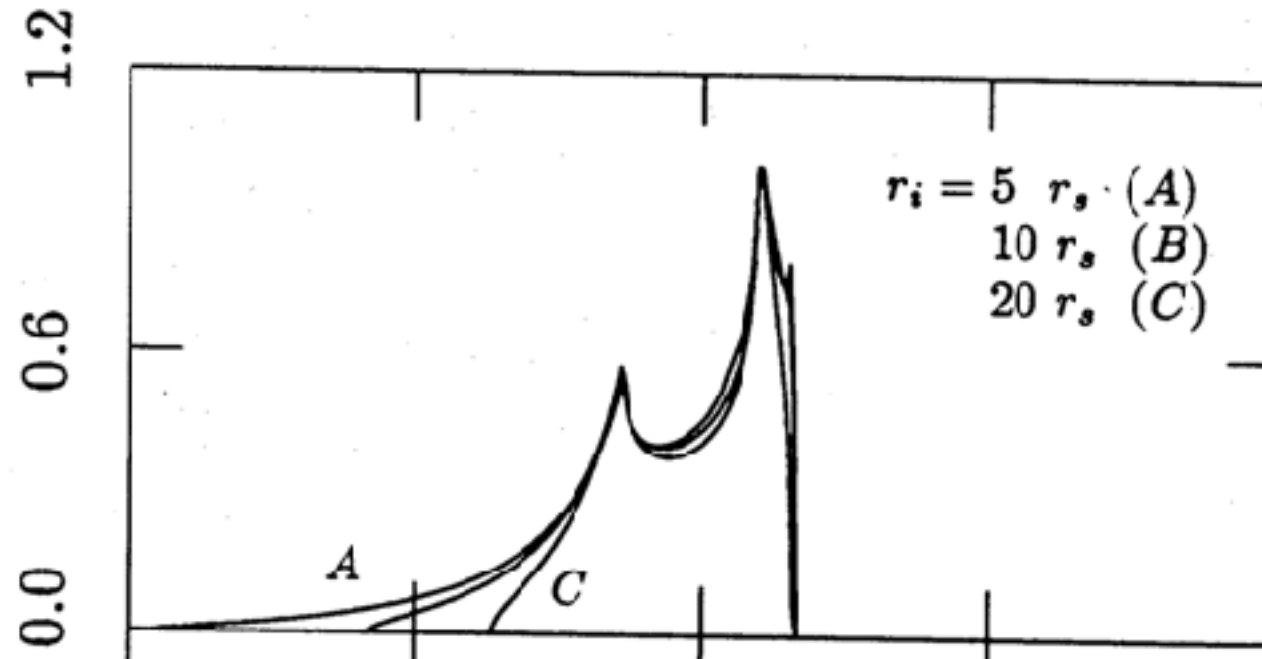


Black Hole Spins

- Two leading methods: continuum fitting and X-ray reflection
- Based on finding the innermost stable orbit of the accretion disk
- Uncertainty dominated by observational errors; smaller at extremal spins



Xray line BH spin measurement



Continuum measurement

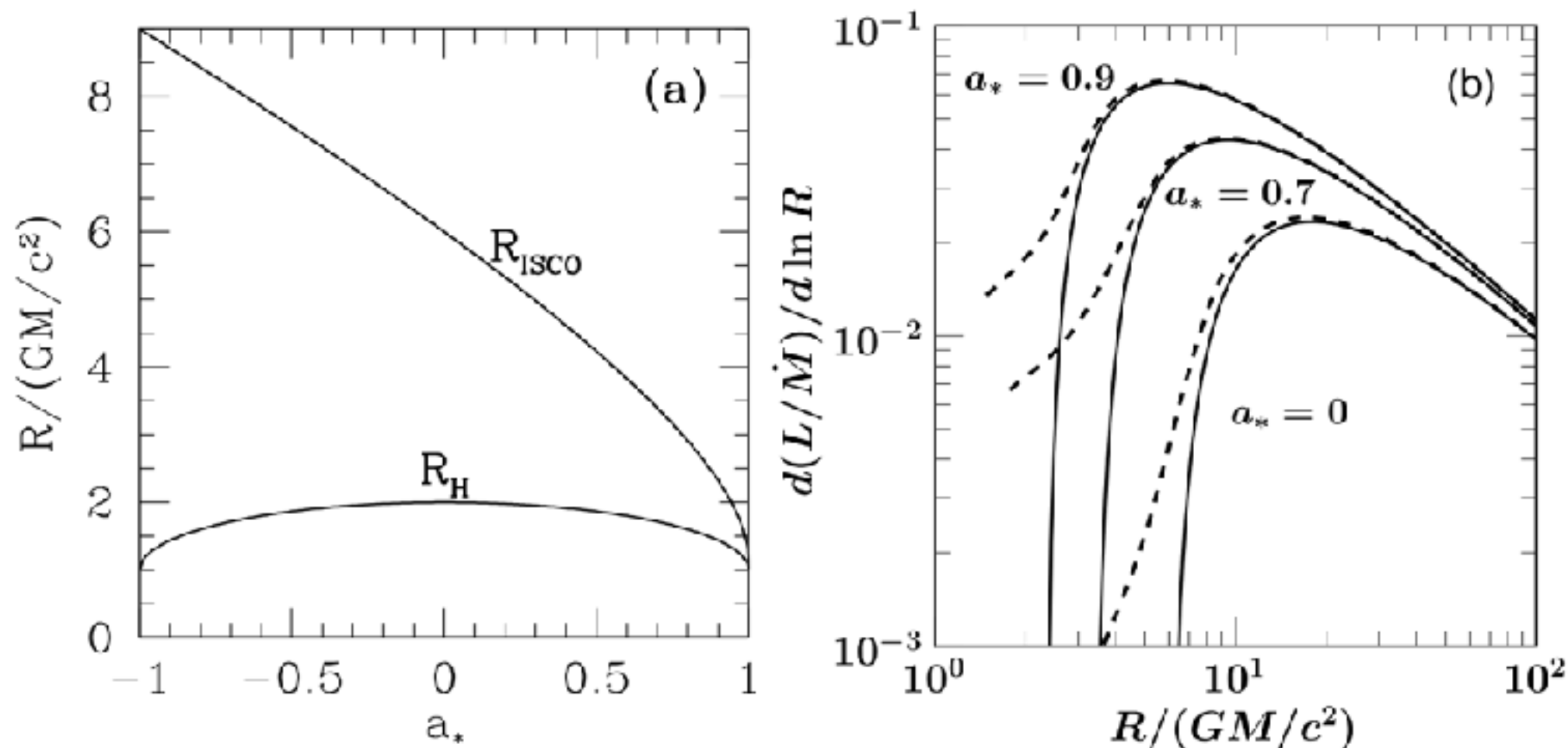


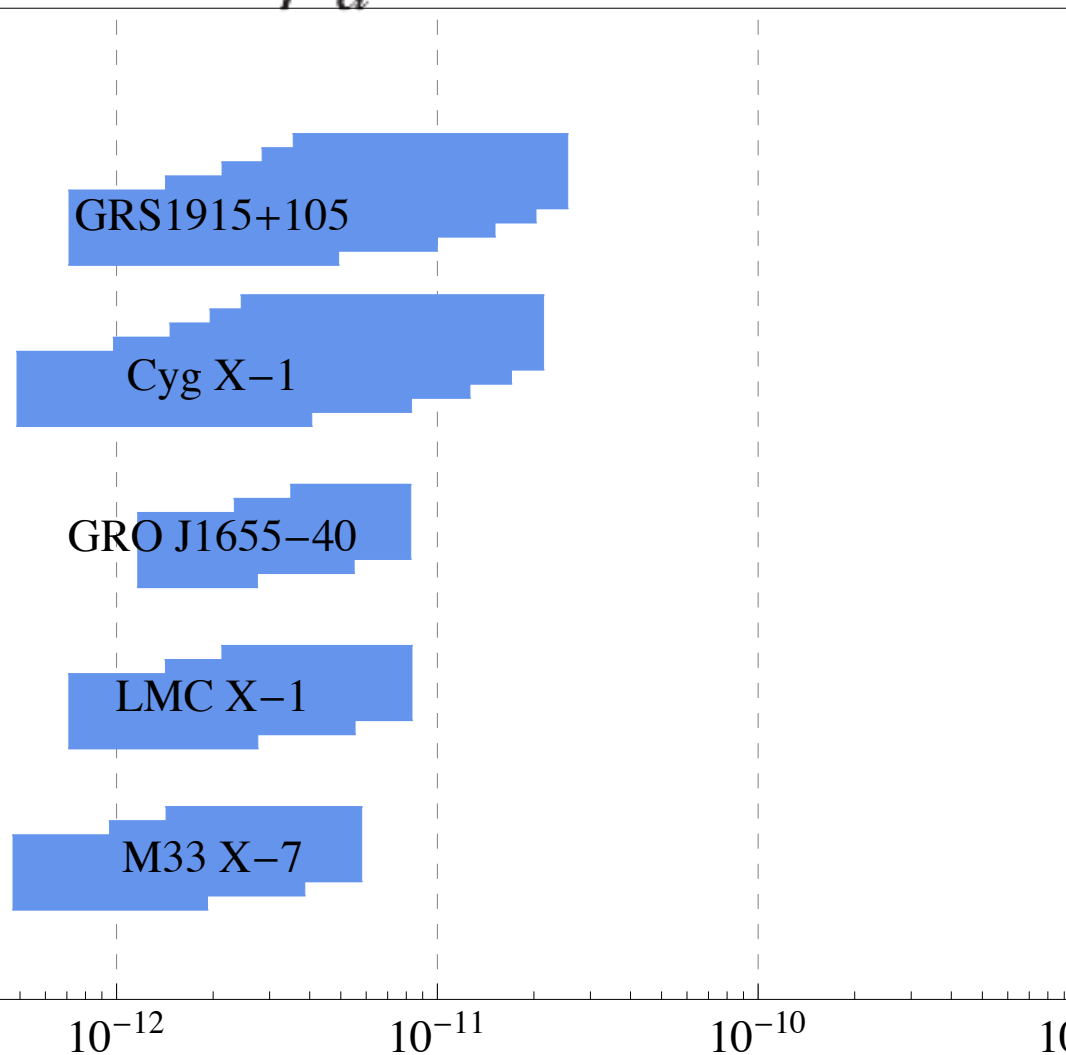
Fig. 3 (a) Radius of the ISCO R_{ISCO} and of the horizon R_{H} in units of GM/c^2 plotted as a function of the black hole spin parameter a_* . Negative values of a_* correspond to retrograde orbits. Note that R_{ISCO} decreases monotonically from $9GM/c^2$ for a retrograde orbit around a maximally spinning black hole, to $6GM/c^2$ for a non-spinning black hole, to GM/c^2 for a prograde orbit around a maximally spinning black hole. (b) Profiles of $d(L/\dot{M})/d\ln R$, the differential disk luminosity per logarithmic radius interval normalized by the mass accretion rate, versus radius $R/(GM/c^2)$ for three values of a_* . Solid lines are the predictions of the NT model. The dashed curves from Zhu et al. (2012), which show minor departures from the NT model, are discussed in Section 5.2.

Black Hole Spins

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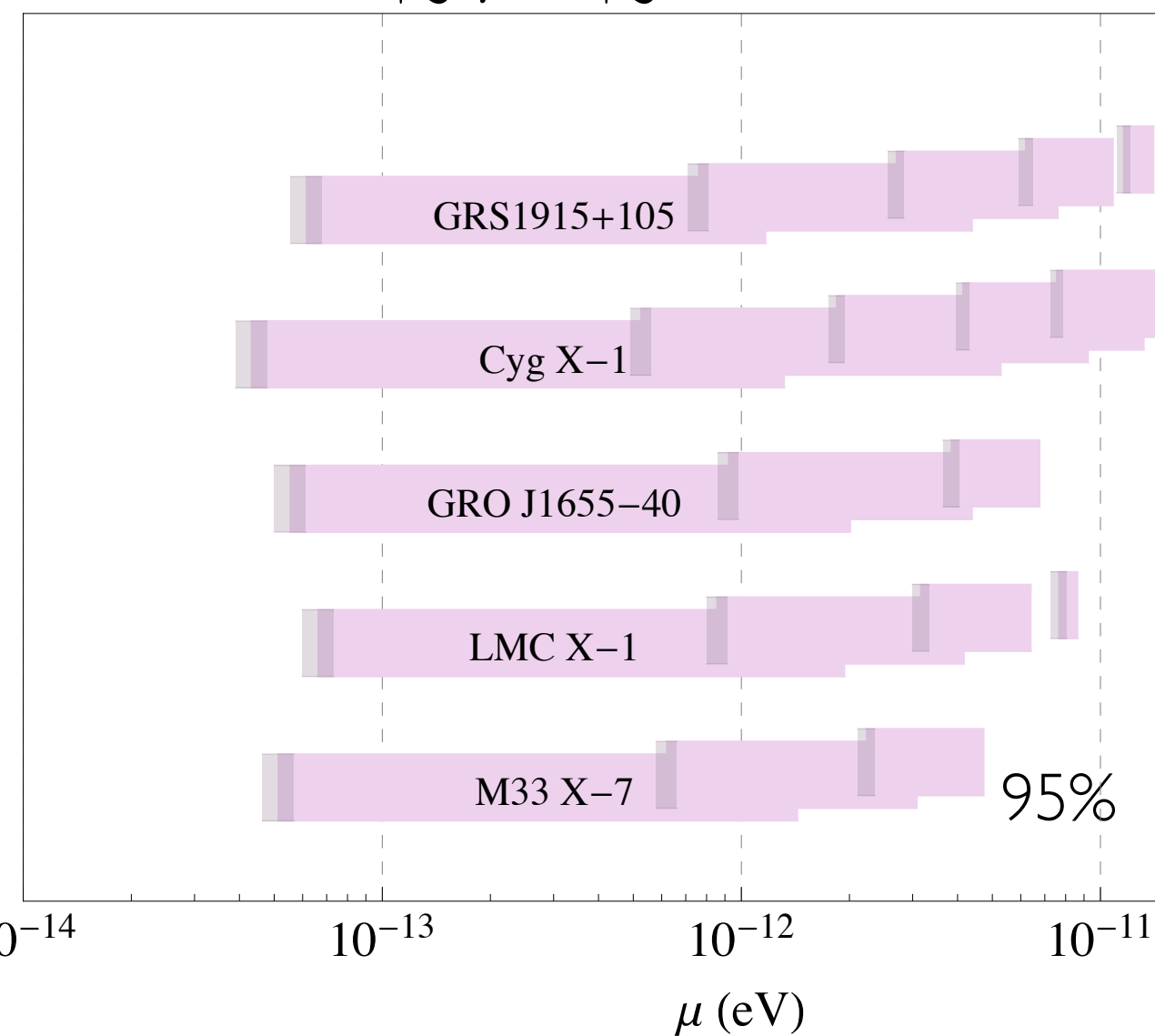
scalar

$$2 \times 10^{-11} > \mu_a > 6 \times 10^{-13} \text{ eV}$$



vector

$$2 \times 10^{-11} \gtrsim \mu_V \gtrsim 5 \times 10^{-14} \text{ eV}$$



$$3 \times 10^{17} < f_a < 1 \times 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$$

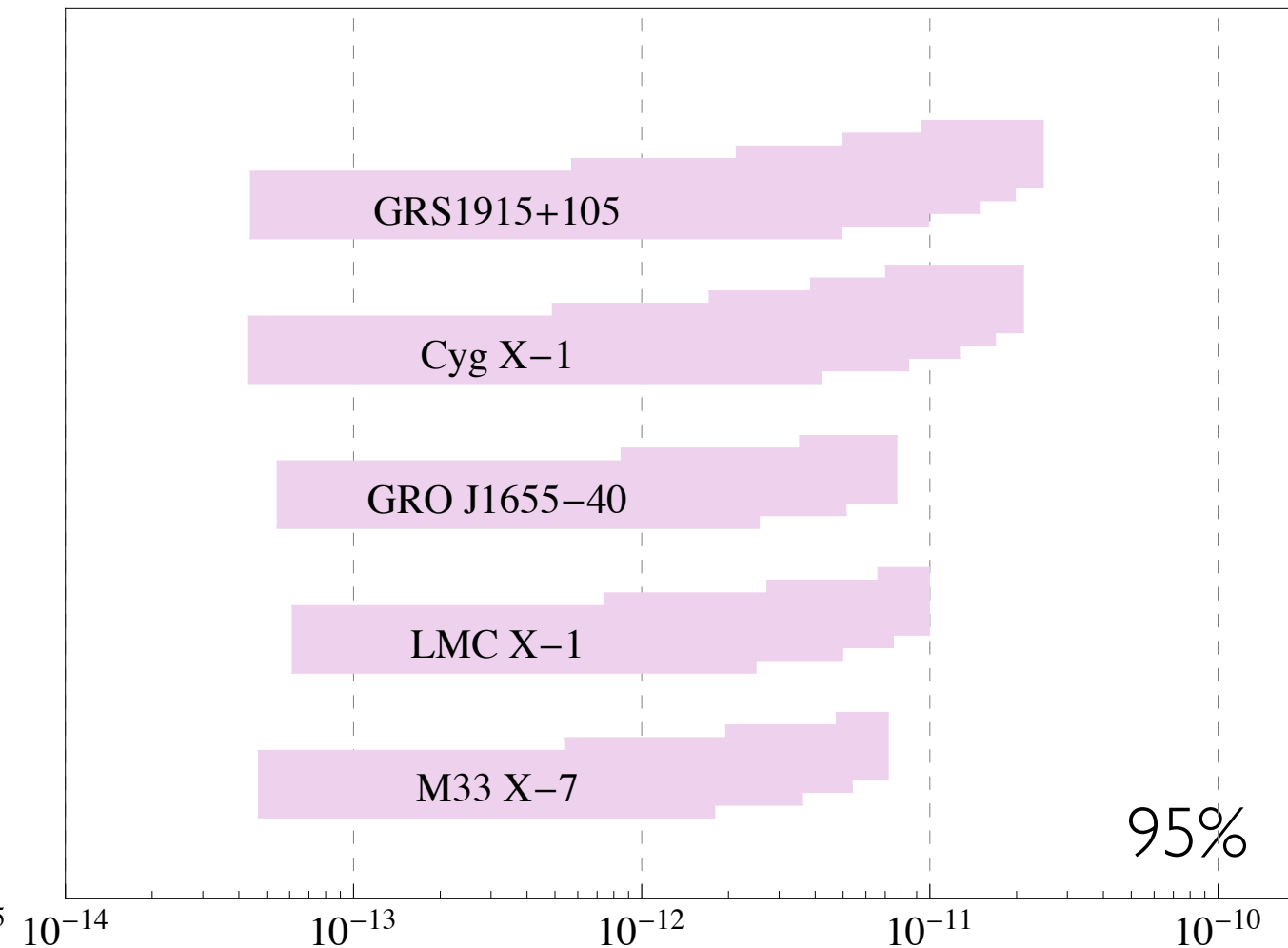
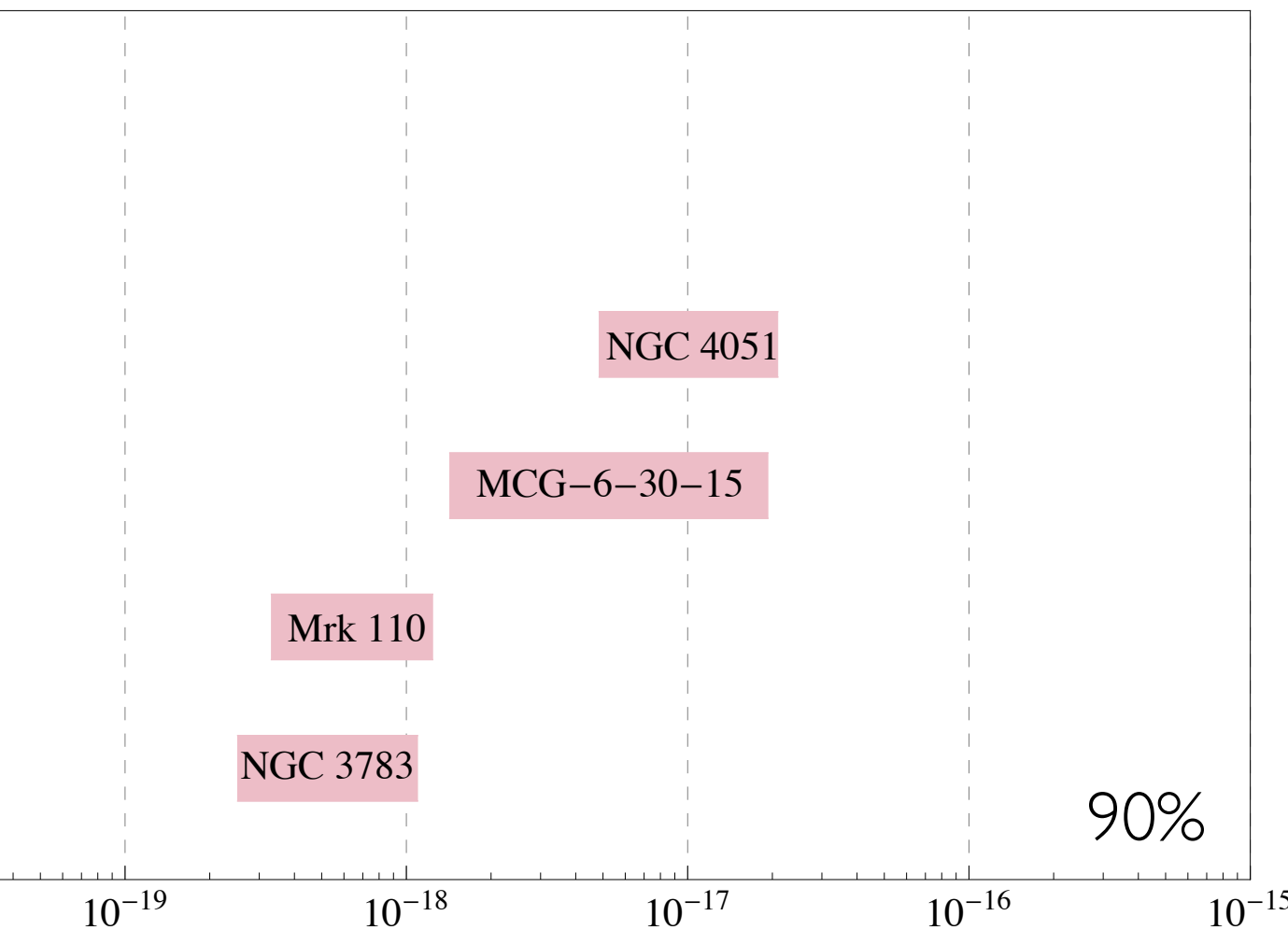
μ (eV)

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$$2.5 \times 10^{-19} < \mu_V < 2.1 \times 10^{-17} \text{ eV}$$

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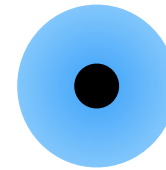
Self Interactions

Self-Interactions

- Relevant processes compete with each other at large field amplitude:

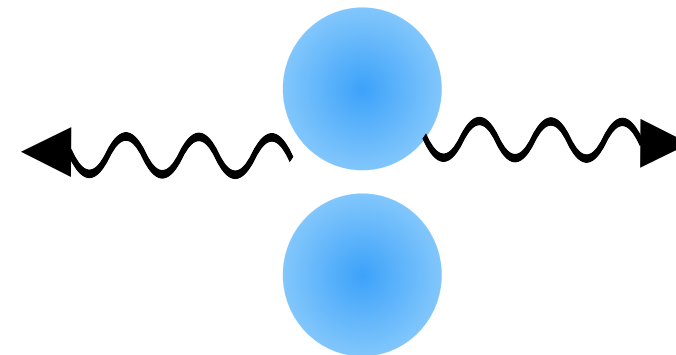
More powers of **small** couplings \downarrow

- Superradiant growth BH \rightarrow I



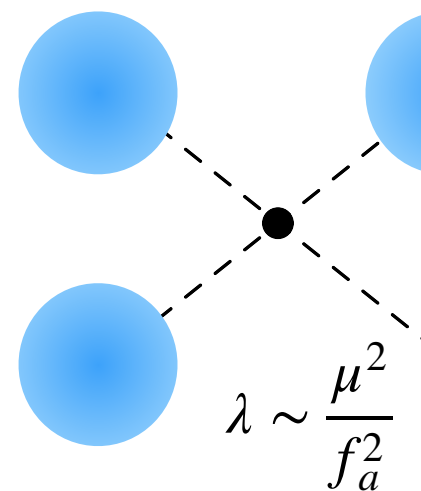
$$\dot{N} \sim \mu N$$

- Gravitational annihilations: 2 \rightarrow 1



$$\dot{N} \sim -\mu \frac{\mu^2}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2} N^2$$

- Self interactions: 3 \rightarrow 1



$$\dot{N} \sim \mu \frac{\mu^4}{f_a^4} N^3$$

More powers of **large** occupation numbers \downarrow

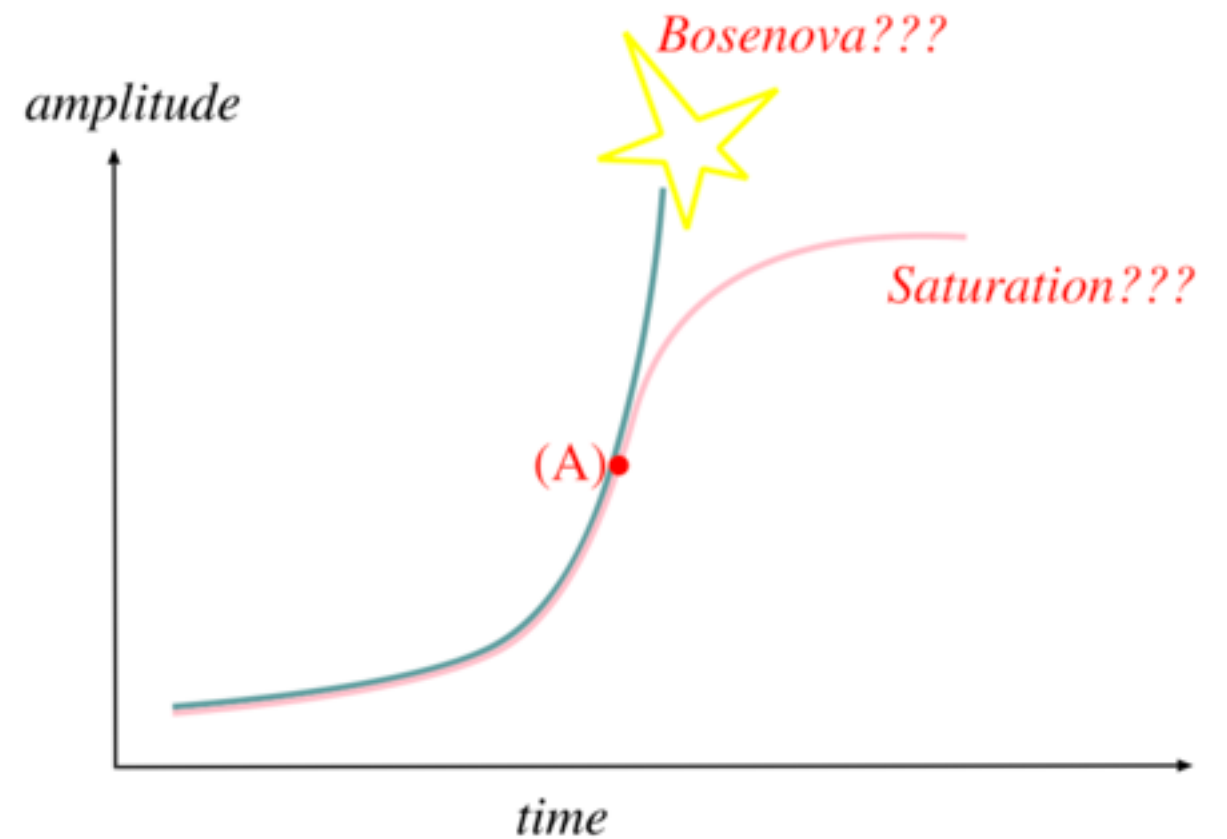
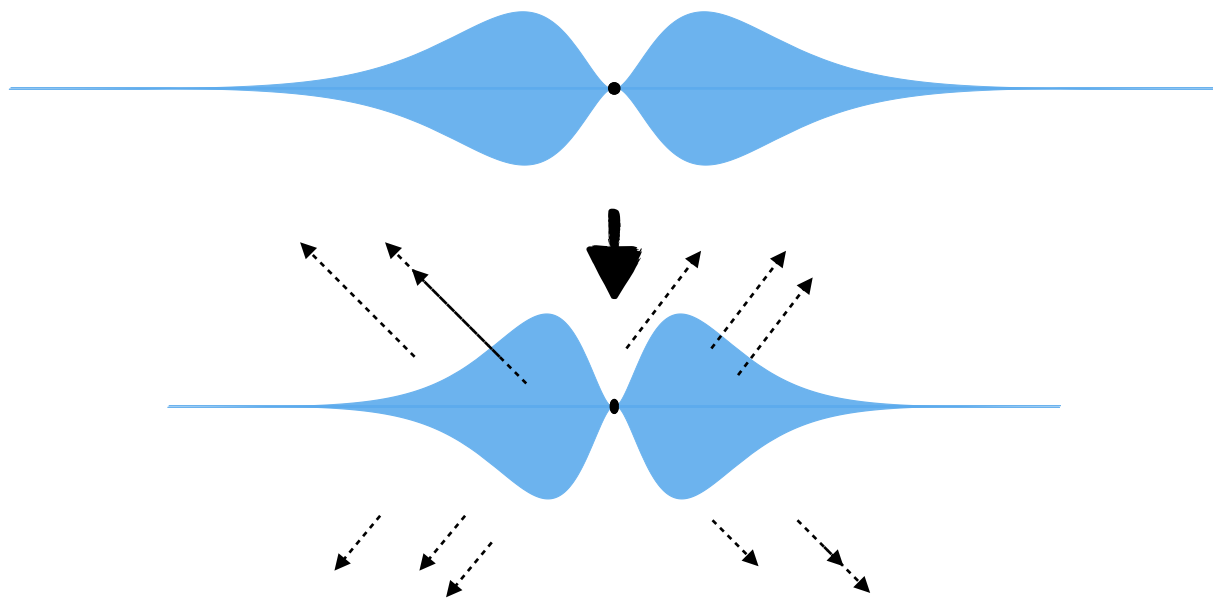
Max particle number \sim ratio of the Planck mass to the axion mass, squared:

$$N_{\text{max}} \sim \frac{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}{\mu^2}$$

Bosenova

- Attractive self energy can make the cloud shrink and perhaps collapse

Arvanitaki, Dubovsky 2010

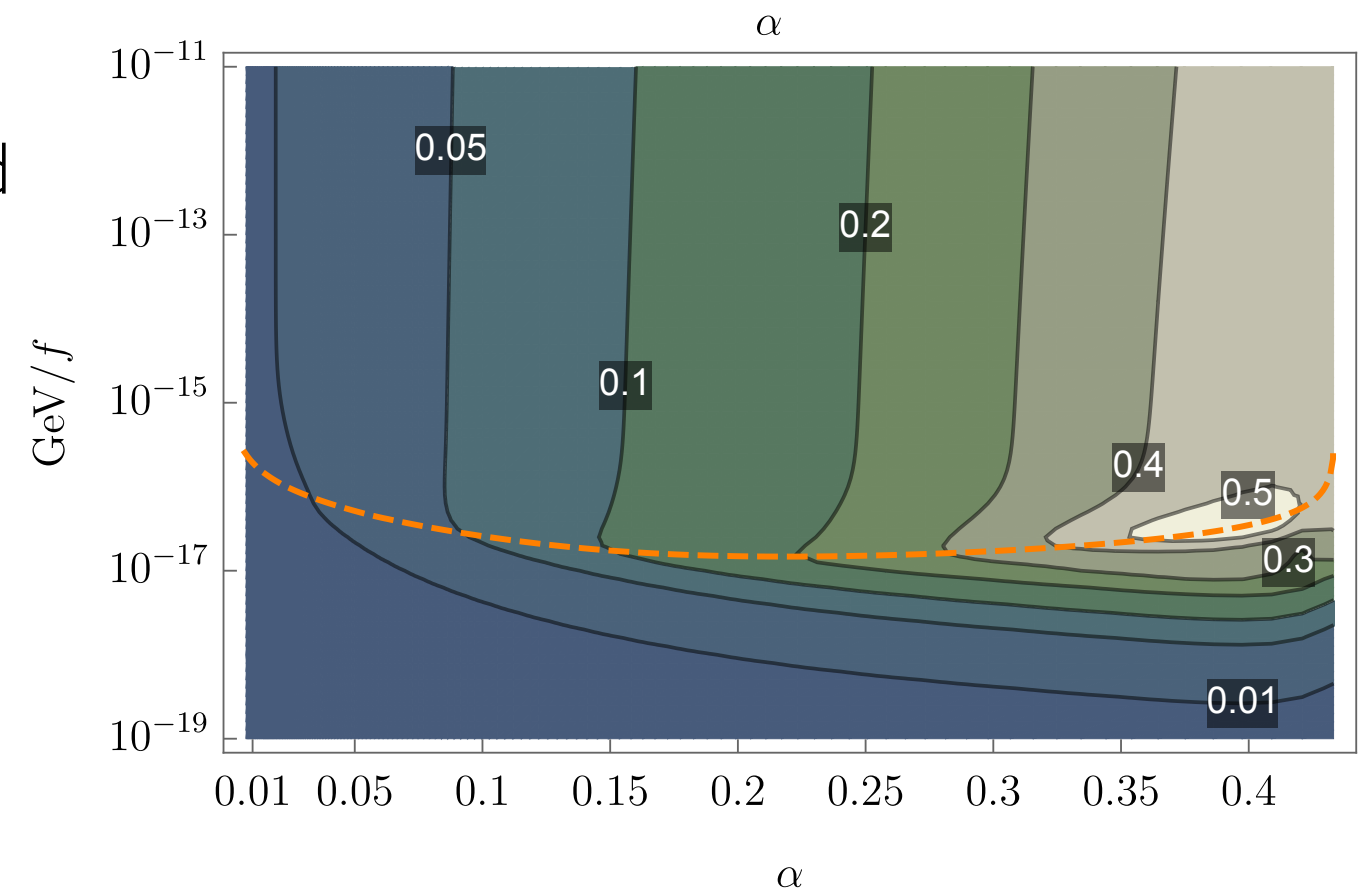
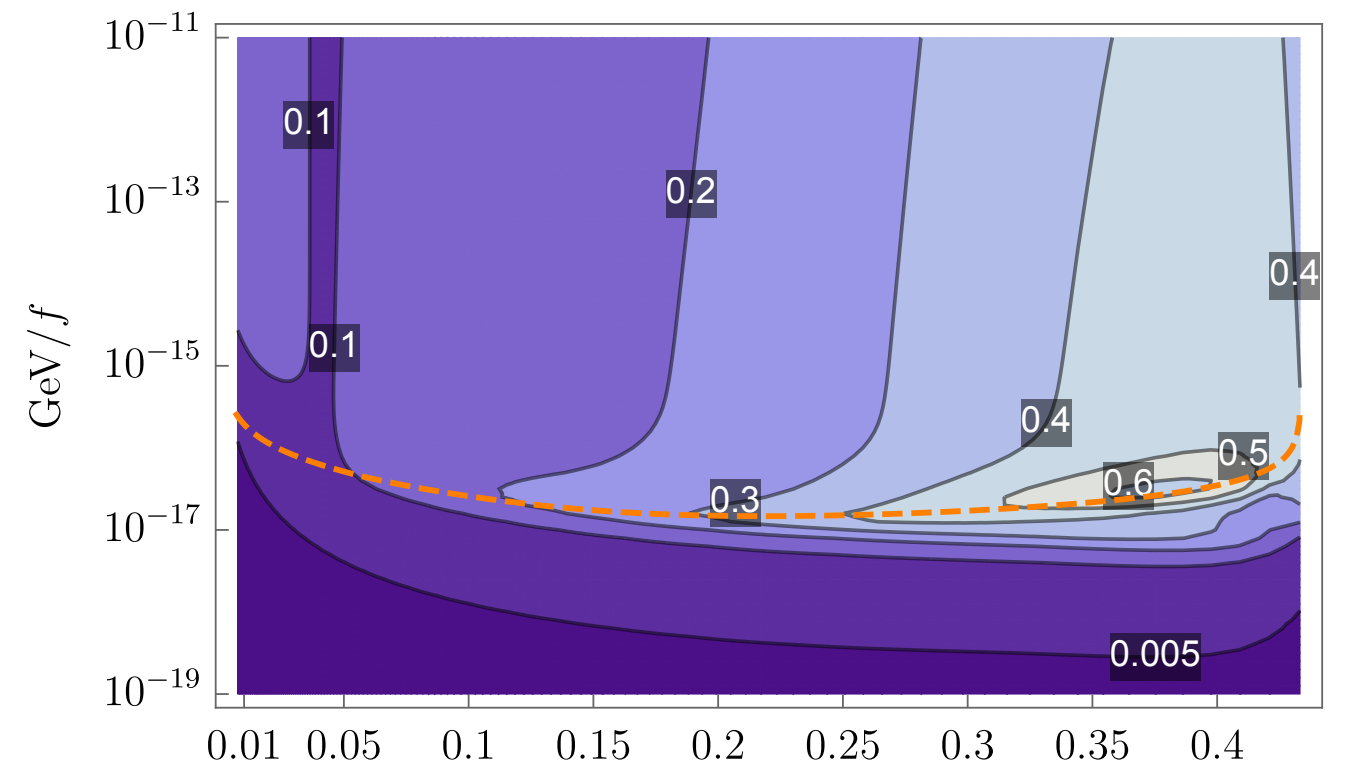


Hiroataka Yoshino, Hideo Kodama 2012

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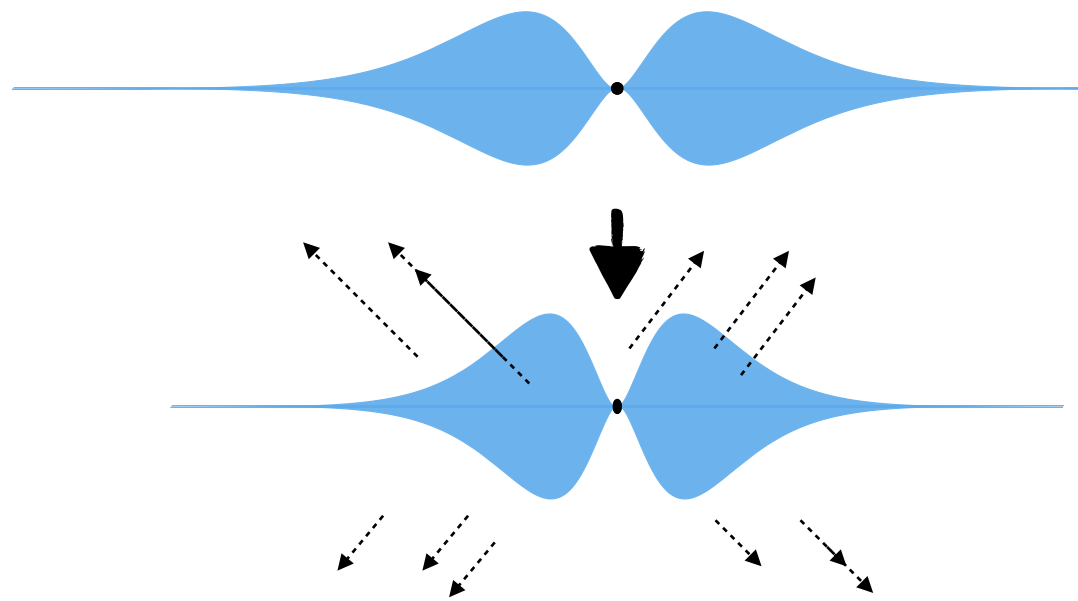
- In perturbative calculations, the occupation number always stays below that which would cause collapse
- a/fa is up to 0.5
- at large alpha, full numerics required to understand evolution



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$$V(r) = \frac{\alpha^4 M_{pl}^2 \epsilon}{\mu} \left(\frac{1}{8r^2} - \frac{1}{4r} - \frac{3\alpha^3 \epsilon M_{pl}^2}{16384\pi r^3 f_a^2} \right)$$

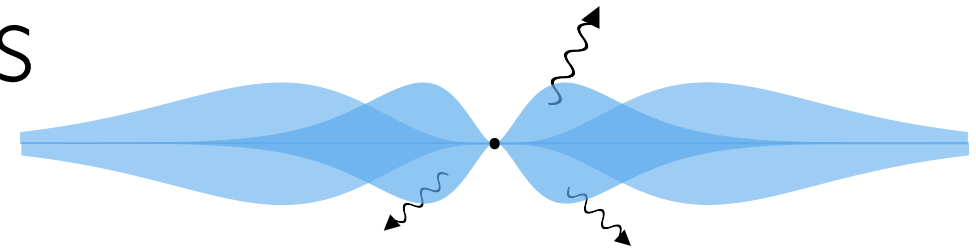
$$r_{\text{extrema}} = \frac{1}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} - \frac{9\alpha^3 \epsilon_1 M_{pl}^2}{4096\pi f^2}}$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{crit}} = \frac{32}{711\alpha^2} \sqrt{75840\pi \left(\frac{f_a}{M_{Pl}} \right)^2 + 225\alpha^2} - \frac{160}{237\alpha}$$



$$\epsilon_{\text{max}} = \begin{cases} \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{\sqrt{\gamma_{\text{inf}} \gamma_{\text{SR1}}}}{\gamma_{\text{BH}}} & \gamma_{\text{BH}} > 800\gamma_{\text{SR1}} \\ a_{\star}(0) - \frac{4\alpha}{1+4\alpha^2} & \gamma_{\text{BH}} < 800\gamma_{\text{SR1}} \end{cases}$$

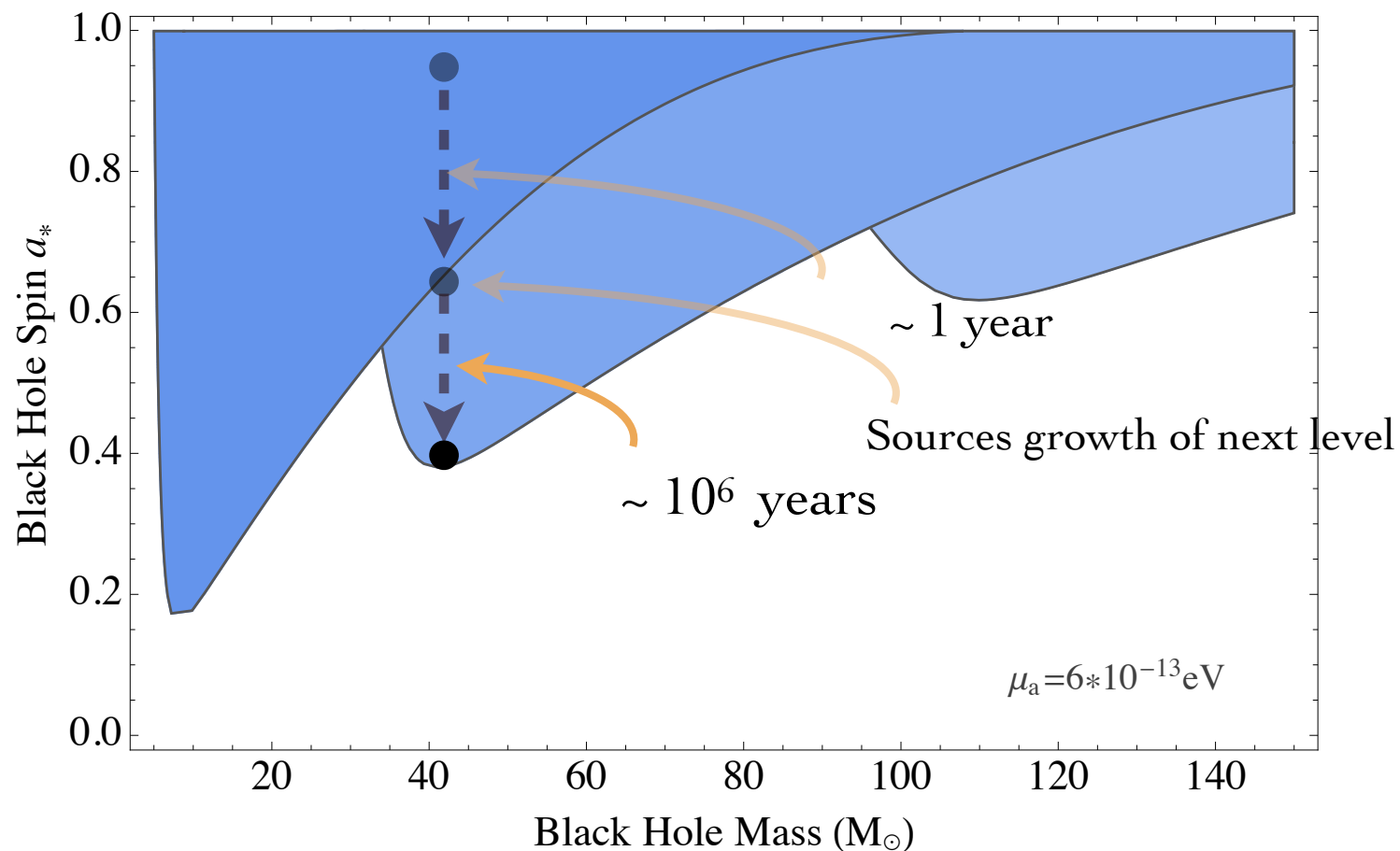
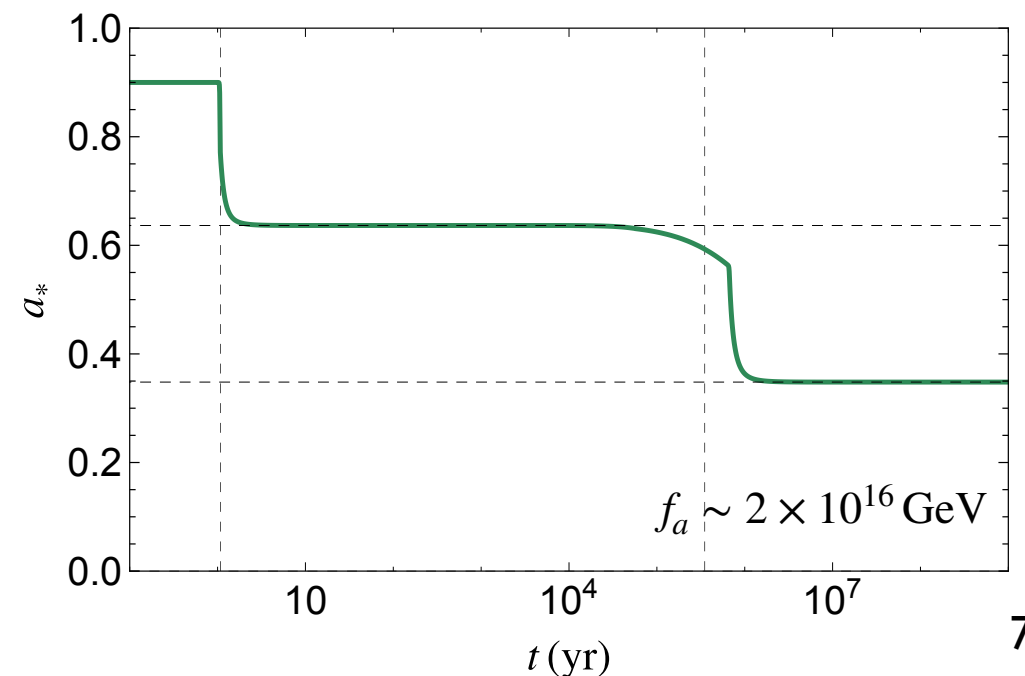
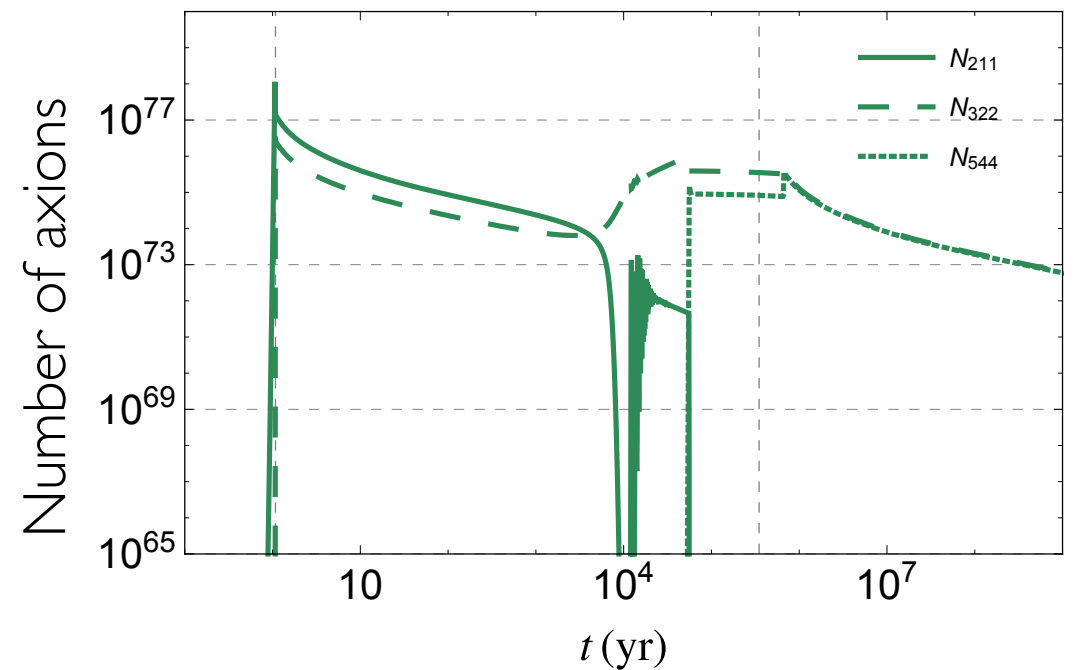
Self-Interactions



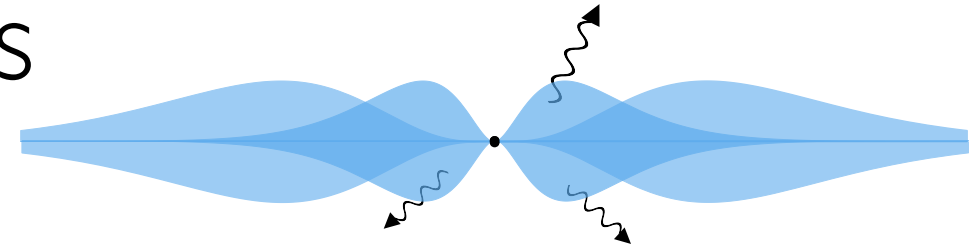
Intermediate self-interactions: $f_a \sim M_{\text{GUT}}$

- BH sources 2 | 1
- Population in 2 | 1 sources 3 | 2 | 2

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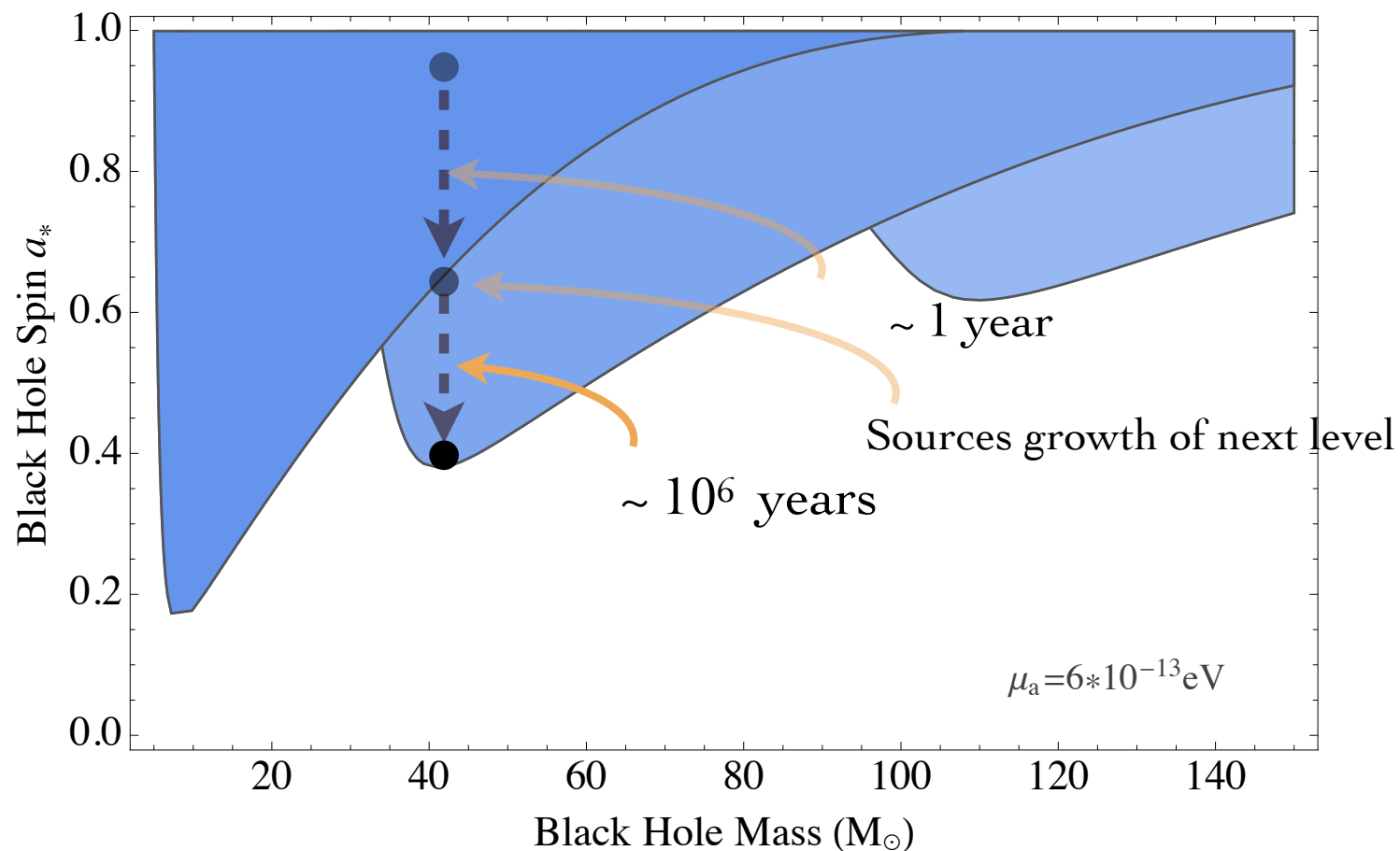
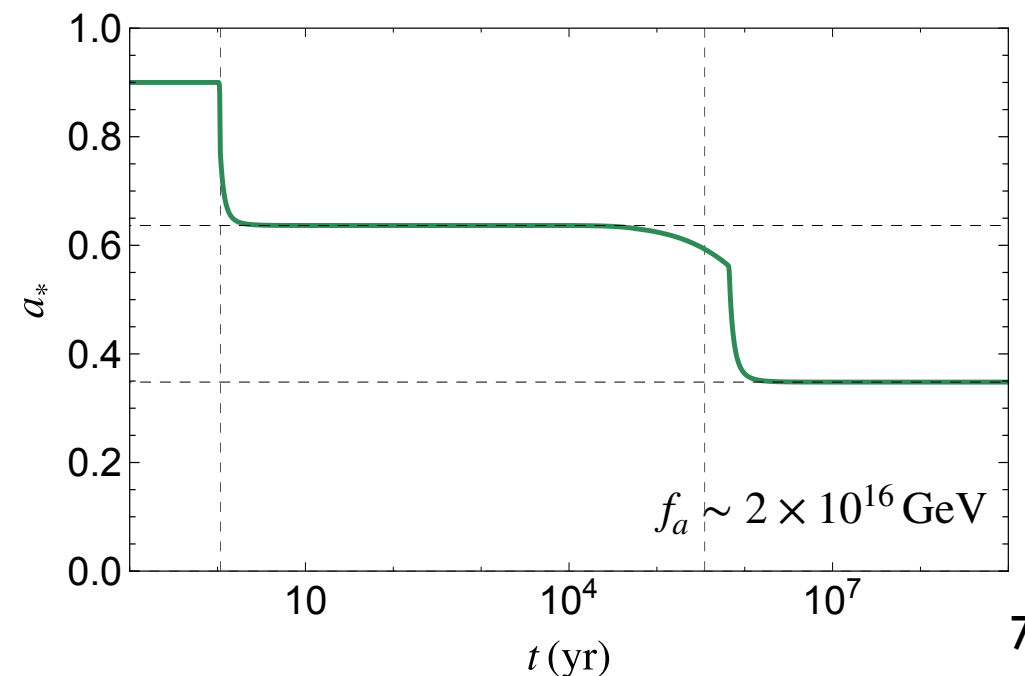
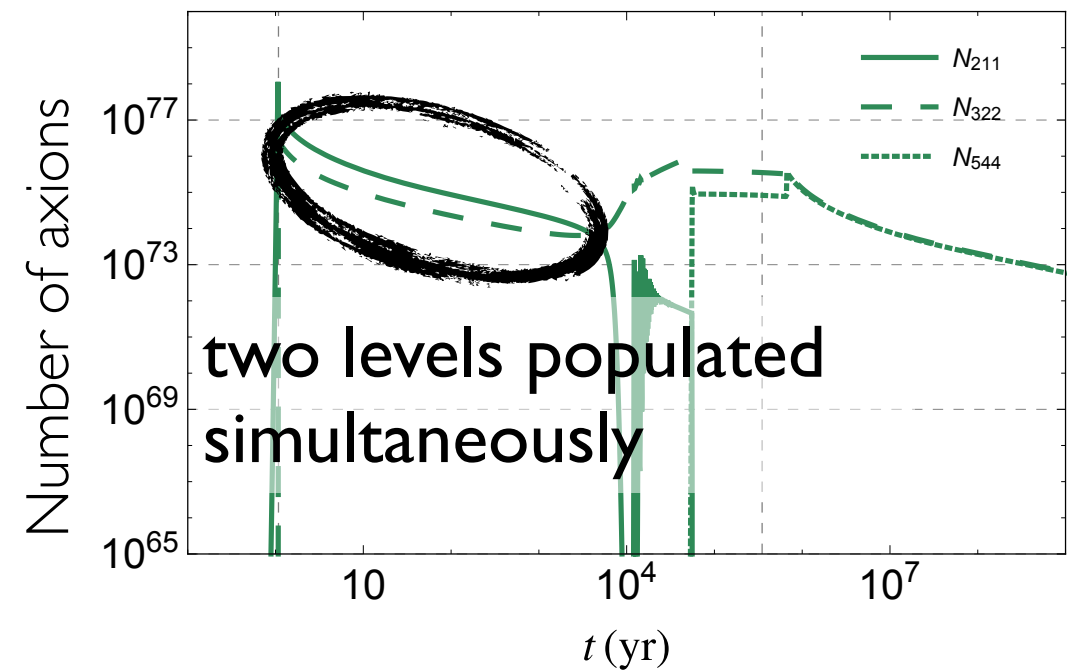
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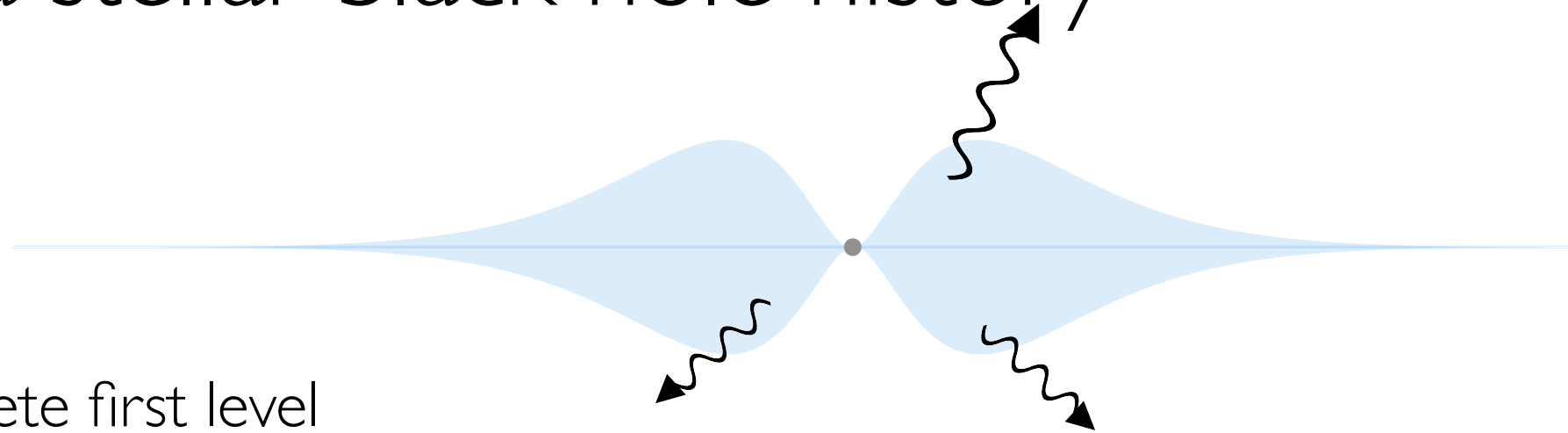
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- BH sources 211
- Population in 211 sources 322

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Superradiance: a stellar black hole history



Annihilations to GWs deplete first level

Gravitational waves can be observed in LIGO continuous wave searches

Annihilation rate

$$P_{GW} \sim G_N \omega^2 \bar{T}_{ij}(\omega, k) \bar{T}_{ij}^*(\omega, k) \sim G_N \mu^2 \left| \int N \mu \psi^2 j_\ell(r\omega) dV \right|^2$$

scalar emission

$$\frac{d\langle P \rangle}{d\Omega}(\theta_k, \varphi_k) = 2 \frac{\omega_r |\vec{k}|}{(4\pi)^2} \lambda^2 |\tilde{f}(\vec{k})|^2,$$

$$\tilde{f}(\vec{k}) = \sum_{lm} Y_l^m(\theta_k, \varphi_k) \int d^3\vec{r} (4\pi) (-i)^l f(\vec{r}) \frac{\psi_{klm}^*(\vec{r})}{2k}.$$

Self-Interactions

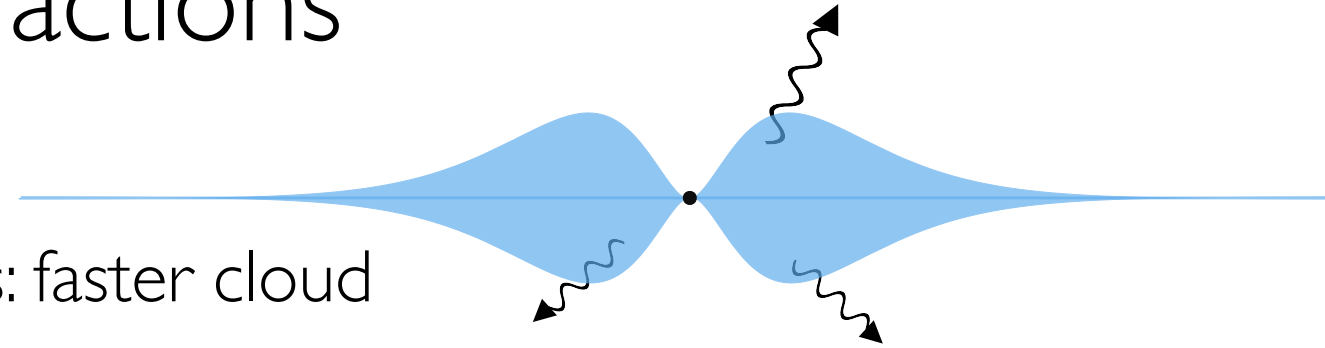
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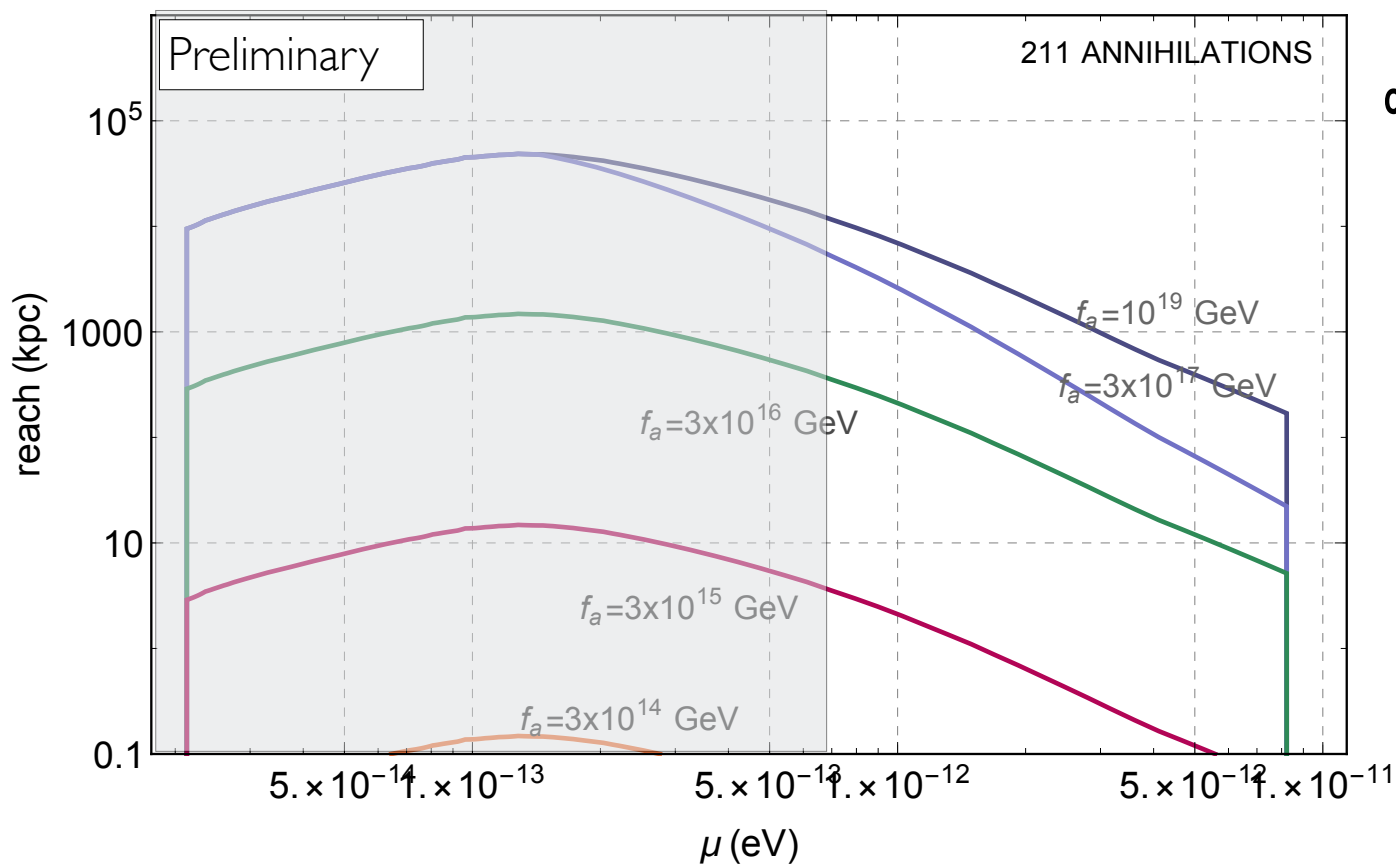
Rate	Dimension-full rate Γ (1)	Dimension-less rate γ (3) (in units of μ)
Γ_{211}^{SR}	$\approx (2 \times 10^{-2})\alpha^8(a_* - 2\alpha(1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2}))\mu$	$2 \times 10^{-2}\alpha^8(a_* - 2\alpha(1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2}))$
Γ_{322}^{SR}	$\approx (4 \times 10^{-5})\alpha^{12}(a_* - \alpha(1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2}))\mu$	$4 \times 10^{-5}\alpha^{12}(a_* - \alpha(1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2}))$
Γ_{433}^{SR}	$\approx (1 \times 10^{-8})\alpha^{16}(a_* - \frac{2}{3}\alpha(1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2}))\mu$	$1 \times 10^{-8}\alpha^{16}(a_* - \frac{2}{3}\alpha(1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2}))$
Γ_{544}^{SR}	$\approx (1 \times 10^{-12})\alpha^{20}(a_* - \frac{1}{2}\alpha(1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2}))\mu$	$1 \times 10^{-12}\alpha^{20}(a_* - \frac{1}{2}\alpha(1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2}))$
$\Gamma_{211}^{\text{GW,ann}}$	$\approx (1 \times 10^{-2})\alpha^{12} \left(\frac{\mu}{M_{\text{pl}}}\right)^2 \mu$	$1 \times 10^{-2}\alpha^{14}$
$\Gamma_{211 \times 322}^{\text{GW,ann}}$	$\approx (1 \times 10^{-4})\alpha^{14} \left(\frac{\mu}{M_{\text{pl}}}\right)^2 \mu$	$1 \times 10^{-4}\alpha^{16}$
$\Gamma_{322}^{\text{GW,ann}}$	$\approx (3 \times 10^{-8})\alpha^{16} \left(\frac{\mu}{M_{\text{pl}}}\right)^2 \mu$	$3 \times 10^{-8}\alpha^{18}$
$\Gamma_{322 \rightarrow 211}^{\text{GW,tr}}$	$\approx (3 \times 10^{-6})\alpha^8 \left(\frac{\mu}{M_{\text{pl}}}\right)^2 \mu$	$3 \times 10^{-6}\alpha^{10}$
$\Gamma_{211 \times 211}^{322 \times \text{BH}}$	$\approx (4.3 \times 10^{-7})\alpha^7 \lambda^2 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})\mu$	$4 \times 10^{-7}\alpha^{11} \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})$
$\Gamma_{211 \times 211}^{422 \times \text{BH}}$	$\approx (1.5 \times 10^{-7})\alpha^7 \lambda^2 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})\mu$	$2 \times 10^{-7}\alpha^{11} \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})$
$\Gamma_{211 \times 322}^{433 \times \text{BH}}$	$\approx (9.1 \times 10^{-8})\alpha^7 \lambda^2 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})\mu$	$9 \times 10^{-8}\alpha^{11} \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})$
$\Gamma_{322 \times 322}^{544 \times \text{BH}}$	$\approx (1.9 \times 10^{-9})\alpha^7 \lambda^2 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})\mu$	$2 \times 10^{-9}\alpha^{11} \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})$
$\Gamma_{211 \times 433}^{544 \times \text{BH}}$	$\approx (1.1 \times 10^{-9})\alpha^7 \lambda^2 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})\mu$	$1 \times 10^{-9}\alpha^{11} \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})$
$\Gamma_{322 \times 433}^{655 \times \text{BH}}$	$\approx (2.8 \times 10^{-10})\alpha^7 \lambda^2 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})\mu$	$3 \times 10^{-10}\alpha^{11} \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})$
$\Gamma_{211 \times 544}^{655 \times \text{BH}}$	$\approx (3.6 \times 10^{-12})\alpha^7 \lambda^2 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})\mu$	$3 \times 10^{-12}\alpha^{11} \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})$
$\Gamma_{433 \times 433}^{766 \times \text{BH}}$	$\approx (2.1 \times 10^{-10})\alpha^7 \lambda^2 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})\mu$	$2 \times 10^{-10}\alpha^{11} \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})$
$\Gamma_{433 \times 544}^{877 \times \text{BH}}$	$\approx (5.2 \times 10^{-12})\alpha^7 \lambda^2 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})\mu$	$5 \times 10^{-12}\alpha^{11} \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})$
$\Gamma_{544 \times 544}^{988 \times \text{BH}}$	$\approx (1.6 \times 10^{-12})\alpha^7 \lambda^2 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})\mu$	$2 \times 10^{-12}\alpha^{11} \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})$
$\Gamma_{544 \times 655}^{1099 \times \text{BH}}$	$\approx (5.6 \times 10^{-13})\alpha^7 \lambda^2 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})\mu$	$5 \times 10^{-13}\alpha^{11} \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})$
$\Gamma_{211 \times 422}^{433 \times 200}$	$\approx (1.1 \times 10^{-9})\alpha^3 \lambda^2 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})\mu$	$1 \times 10^{-9}\alpha^7 \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4 (1 + \sqrt{1 - a_*^2})$
$\Delta\omega_{211}^{211}$	$\approx -(1.2 \times 10^{-4})\lambda N_{211}\alpha^3 \mu$	
$\Delta\omega_{211}^{322}$	$\approx -(3.5 \times 10^{-5})\lambda N_{322}\alpha^3 \mu$	

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$\Gamma_{211 \times 322}^{100 \times \infty}$	$\approx (8.5 \times 10^{-9})\alpha^4 \lambda^2 \mu$	$\alpha^8 \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4$
$\Gamma_{322 \times 322}^{100 \times \infty}$	$\approx (1.1 \times 10^{-10})\alpha^4 \lambda^2 \mu$	$\alpha^8 \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4$
$\Gamma_{322 \times 322}^{211 \times \infty}$	$\approx (1.1 \times 10^{-8})\alpha^4 \lambda^2 \mu$	$\alpha^8 \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4$
$\Gamma_{322 \times 433}^{211 \times \infty}$	$\approx (2.6 \times 10^{-9})\alpha^4 \lambda^2 \mu$	$\alpha^8 \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4$
$\Gamma_{433 \times 433}^{211 \times \infty}$	$\approx (9.2 \times 10^{-11})\alpha^4 \lambda^2 \mu$	$\alpha^8 \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4$
$\Gamma_{322 \times 544}^{211 \times \infty}$	$\approx (6.1 \times 10^{-11})\alpha^4 \lambda^2 \mu$	$\alpha^8 \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4$
$\Gamma_{433 \times 544}^{211 \times \infty}$	$\approx (1.9 \times 10^{-11})\alpha^4 \lambda^2 \mu$	$\alpha^8 \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4$
$\Gamma_{544 \times 544}^{211 \times \infty}$	$\approx (4.2 \times 10^{-13})\alpha^4 \lambda^2 \mu$	$\alpha^8 \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4$
$\Gamma_{544 \times 544}^{322 \times \infty}$	$\approx (4.4 \times 10^{-11})\alpha^4 \lambda^2 \mu$	$\alpha^8 \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4$
$\Gamma_{433 \times 544}^{322 \times \infty}$	$\approx (7.8 \times 10^{-10})\alpha^4 \lambda^2 \mu$	$\alpha^8 \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4$
$\Gamma_{322 \times 322}^{21-1 \times \infty}$	$\approx (2.3 \times 10^{-10})\alpha^4 \lambda^2 \mu$	$\alpha^8 \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4$
$\Gamma_{655 \times 322}^{211 \times \infty}$	$\approx (7.3 \times 10^{-13})\alpha^4 \lambda^2 \mu$	$\alpha^8 \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4$
$\Gamma_{655 \times 433}^{211 \times \infty}$	$\approx (4.6 \times 10^{-13})\alpha^4 \lambda^2 \mu$	$\alpha^8 \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4$
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$\Gamma_{655 \times 655}^{322 \times \infty}$	$\approx (6.2 \times 10^{-13})\alpha^4 \lambda^2 \mu$	$\alpha^8 \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4$
$\Gamma_{766 \times 766}^{433 \times \infty}$	$\approx (5.6 \times 10^{-13})\alpha^4 \lambda^2 \mu$	$\alpha^8 \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4$
$\Gamma_{211}^{2 \rightarrow 1}(\text{cubic})$	$\approx (1.9 \times 10^{-4})\alpha^{12} \frac{\mu^3}{f^2}$	$2 \times 10^{-4}\alpha^{14} \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f}\right)^2$
$\Gamma_{211}^{3 \rightarrow 1}$	$\approx (7 \times 10^{-9})\alpha^{17} \lambda^2 \mu$	$7 \times 10^{-9}\alpha^{21} \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4$
$\Gamma_{322}^{3 \rightarrow 1}$	$\approx (6 \times 10^{-14})\alpha^{23} \lambda^2 \mu$	$6 \times 10^{-14}\alpha^{27} \left(\frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a}\right)^4$

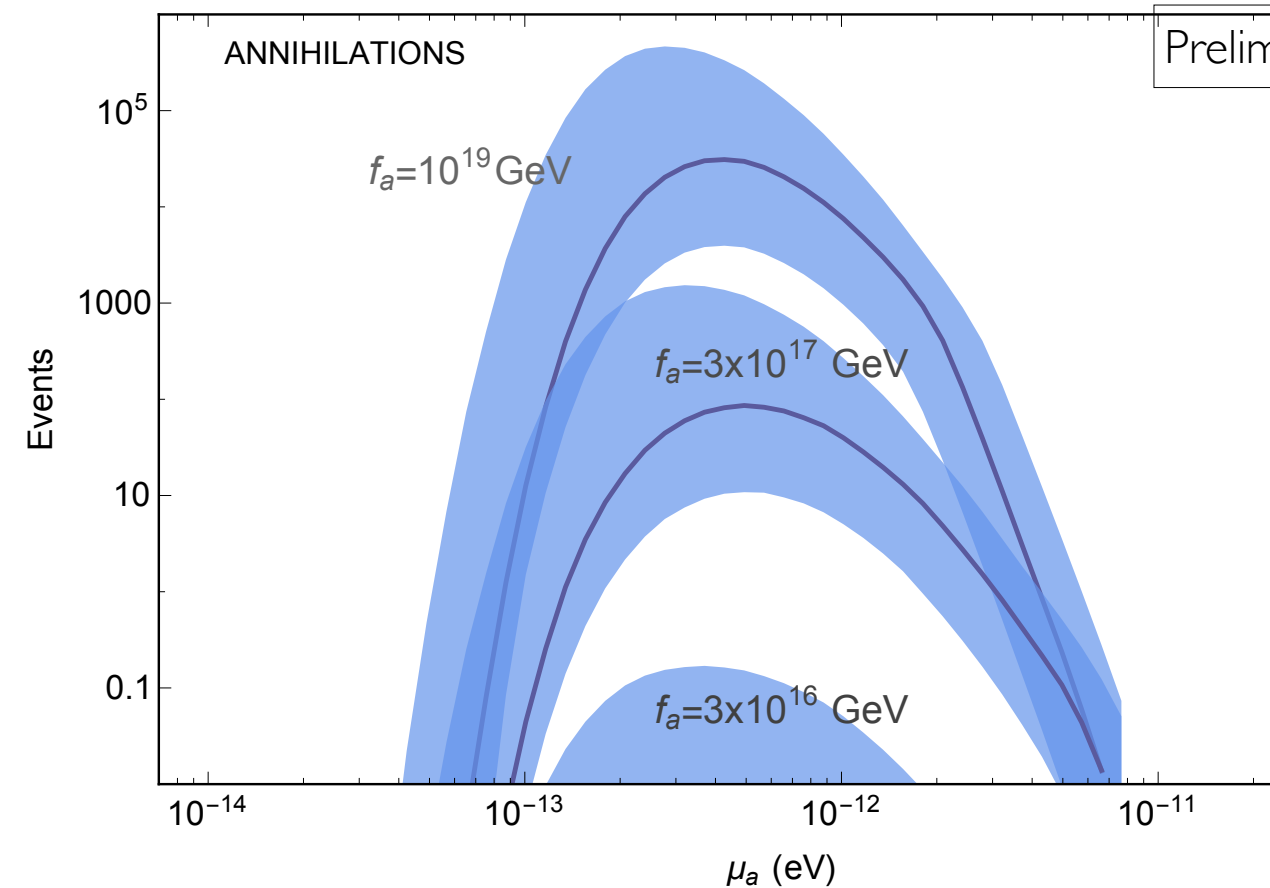
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- New source of energy loss to scalar waves: faster cloud depletion and shorter signals
- Evolution of first level capped at smaller value due to self interactions: gravitational wave **annihilation** power suppressed at low f_a



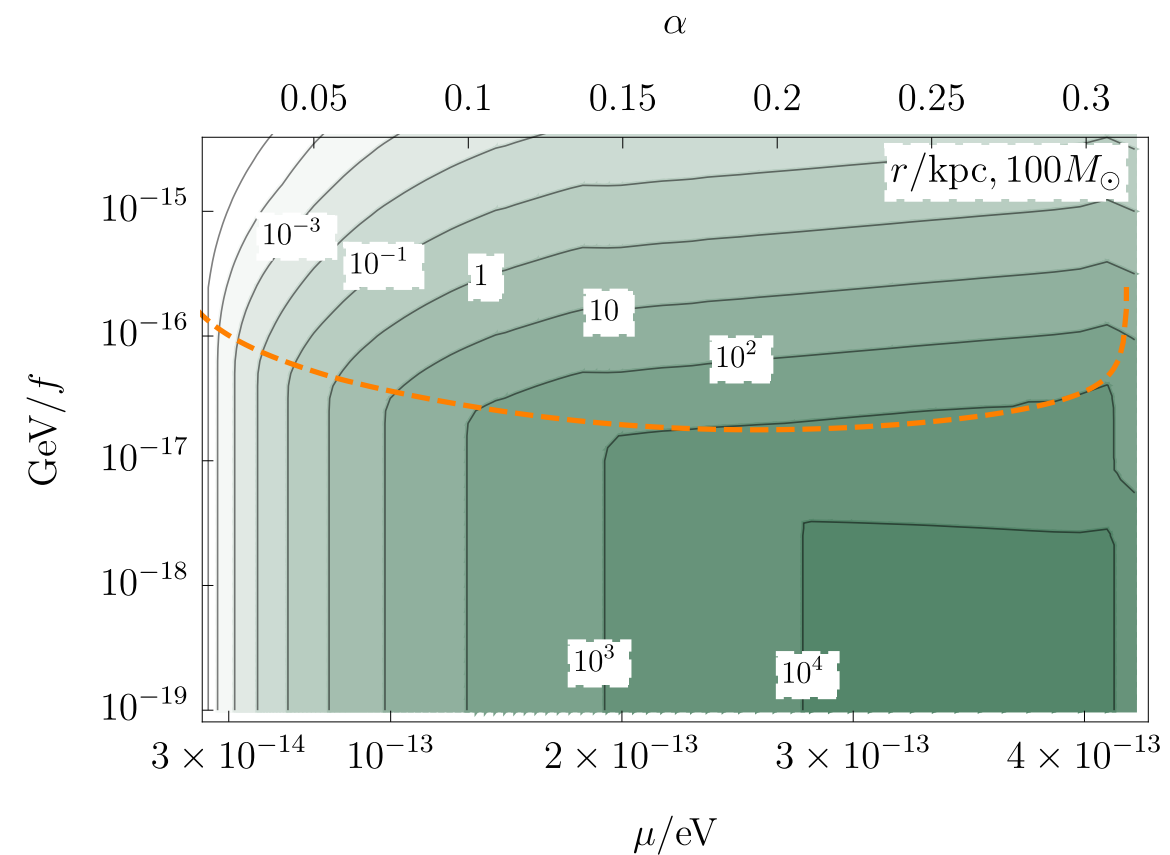
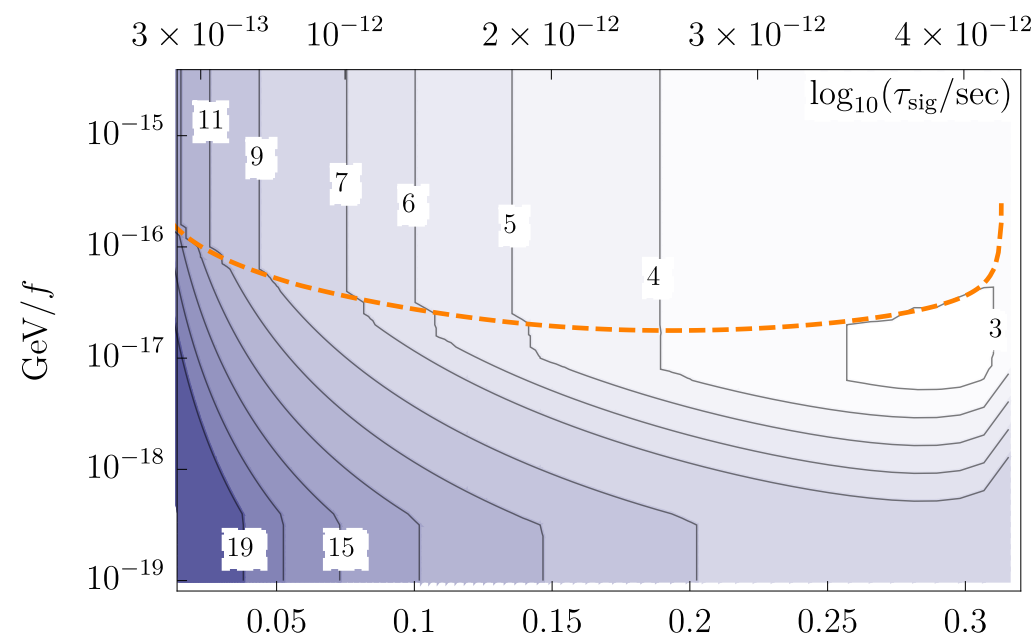
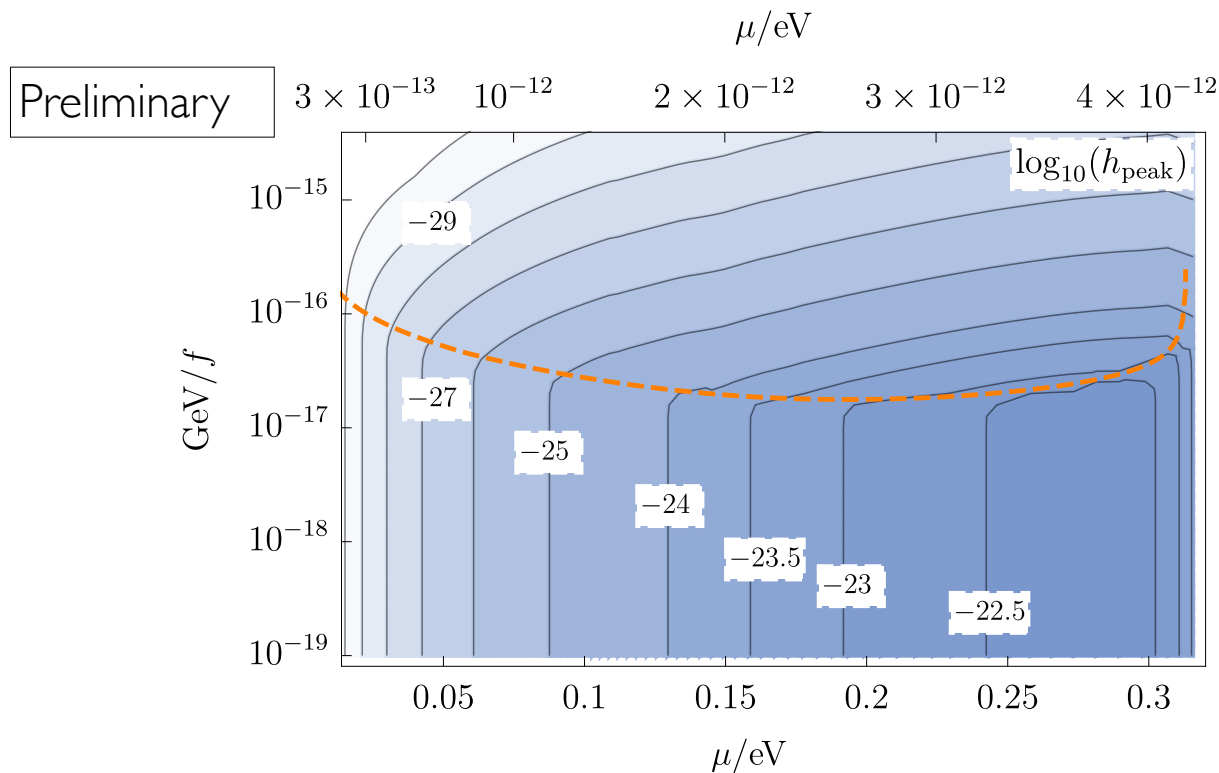
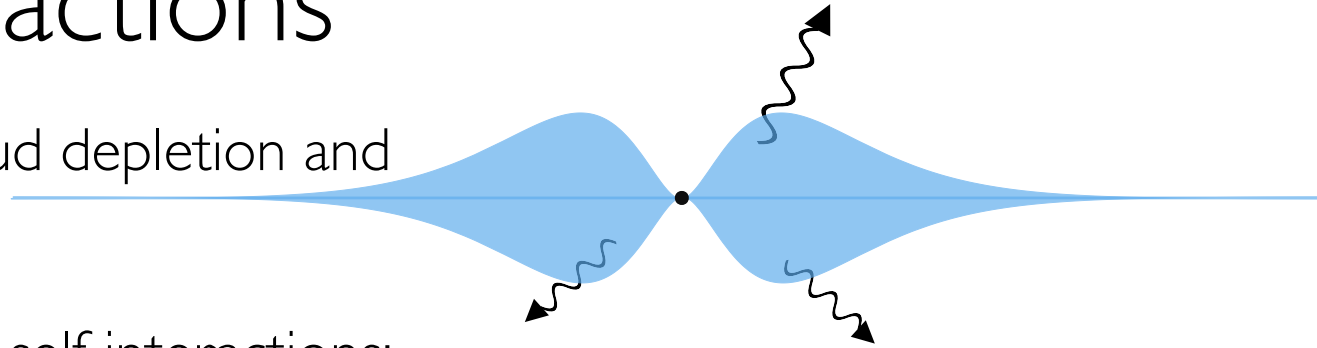
Larger self-interactions
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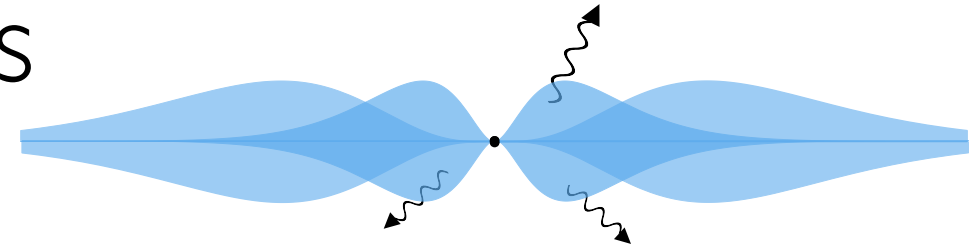
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Self-Interactions



- Two (or more) levels populated simultaneously: new signatures
- Gravitational **transitions** between two levels: larger power than annihilations
- Scalar waves are a new source of energy loss: faster cloud depletion and shorter signals

